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WASHINGTON, Friday, March 1.

A DELEGATION FROM MARYLAND VISIT THE PRESIDENT.

This morning a committee waited upon the President to present the resolutions adopted at a meeting held at Baltimore on the 26th ult. Mr. Cox addressed the President as follows:

Mr. PRESIDENT: At an overwhelming meeting of loyal citizens of Baltimore on Monday last, it was determined that a committee should present to you, in person, the resolutions adopted, with unexampled unanimity, on that occasion. We are here to-day for the purpose of performing that agreeable duty, and of expressing to you the great gratification with which the people of our State regard the humane, patriotic and statesmanlike course which you have pursued in the administration of national affairs. The gathering at Baltimore exceeded in numbers and in enthusiasm any previous demonstration known in that city. Parties were merged, men of every shade of opinion rallied to the support of the country's defender. Be assured, Sir, that in no State of equal population do you number a wider circle of truer friends and more staunch supporters than in Maryland. Startling will it be in history, incredible by those who come after us, that on the eve of no popular election of great public interest, without any of the customary occasions for a large public gathering, but a few months removed from the bloodiest and most disastrous civil war on record, it was thought expedient—I had almost said necessary—to give such expression and support through the masses as might nerve the courage and hold up the hands of a President of the nation, honestly intent on restoring our dislocted Republic to its normal unity and prosperity. Loving the Union, and feeling that all we have and all we hope for rests in the Government of our fathers, we extend to you, and shall continue to extend to you, a cordial and unfaltering support, believing that the Union and Government have never possessed a truer friend or a more gallant champion. Your theory that the States cannot of their own volition leave the Union, and are therefore entitled to resume their relations to the General Government so soon as they shall have complied with the demands of the Constitution; that representation is inseparable from taxation, and should not be refused for a single moment, when offered upon a truly loyal basis; your maintenance of the Constitution in its integrity, and your deprecation of any improper or frequent interference with its provisions; your prompt and timely intervention in preventing a monstrous measure from becoming a law, thus saving the country from the violations of popular liberty and good Government which it would inevitably have entailed; your prompt, outspoken and thoroughly American utterances upon the birthday of WASHINGTON, each and all meet a hearty and unqualified response from us, and those whom we have the honor to represent. Entering upon public office at a period of extreme gloom and perplexity, it is not too much to say that at every stage of your progress you have proved yourself "master of the situation," performing deeds of lofty moral heroism and profound wisdom which have already endeared you to millions of your fellow citizens, and will place your name unperishably upon the page of your country's history. I have the honor, Sir, to present to you the resolutions adopted by the meeting.

The President, having received the resolutions, responded in these words:

GENTLEMEN.—I cannot make any formal speech in reply; but, in response to what has been said, I will simply remark that my policy, to which you have alluded as before the country, was not announced as the result of impulse, nor was it thrown out for any *ad captandum* purpose. It was announced as the result of convictions after mature considerations, as a necessary construction of the principles upon which this Government rests. That policy, which I honestly regard as being the best for the country, will continue before the people without the slightest deviation, and without being swerved from on my part. I do not say this in a spirit of menace or threat to anybody; but simply to give assurance that there shall be no abandonment of, and no shrinking from that policy, because it is believed that the very existence and perpetuity of the Government depend upon the maintenance of the principles which have thus been enunciated. I am not insensible to the remarks which have been made, accompanying the presentation of these resolutions. The mind and soul of a man who would not feel more or less inspired and impressed by what you have said, must be extremely dull and barren. I feel the full force of what you have spoken, and I think I know how to appreciate it; and thus feeling, I am impressed with the conviction that my duty must be performed without regard to consequences. Your encouragement at this particular time seems peculiarly appropriate; your countenance and proffers of support under the present circumstances, inspire me with confidence, and a strength, and a hope, that the country will ultimately triumph, and those great principles will be sustained. It is not necessary for me to remark to you that I entered this contest at its very incipiency, and I have not deviated a single hair's breadth from the line of policy I than laid down. I stand now precisely on the same ground that I stood on in the Senate on the 18th and 19th days of December, 1860. I know that it has been said, and no doubt by many designedly said, that here is a President who was elected by a party, and who, on coming into power, abandoned that party; that he has "Tylerized" his Administration; that he has joined the Copperheads, and things of that kind. Those things have no influence upon me; they fall wholly to drive me from the discharge of my duty. But if you and I, with others, have been employed now for four years in resisting a separation and dissolution of the Union, and now have reached a point where resistance has ceased, if we can be instrumental in conciliating and bring back all the people to an earnest and loyal and thorough support of the Government, it seems to me that we are doing a great deal toward accomplishing the work we undertook. It happens, sometimes, in the history of families, if I may be permitted to use the illustration, that there are differences and feuds; but when those differences are understood and arranged, and when the feuds subside the parties can approach each other feeling more kindly toward those from whom they had been estranged than they did before. Then, I do not think we are doing wrong if, while maintaining principle, while trying to preserve the Government, we have succeeded in convincing of their error and bringing to the fold of their fathers those who strayed; I think this is a result of which all should be proud, and for which we should not be taunted. If I know myself, my only object is to preserve the Government. I want it to continue in loyal hands, and in none others. I hope that the time will soon come when the country will be thoroughly reconciled; but to secure all that is necessary for this purpose will require a severe struggle, for I am free to say to you that it is not worth while to disguise the fact that the very same spirit which animated the rebellion at one end of the line now exists at the other, to some extent. Before the recent rebellion there were one set of gentlemen who were trying to dissolve and break up the Government for the purpose of preserving the institution of Slavery; and another set of gentlemen were willing to break up the Government for the purpose of destroying Slavery, and they so avowed. Though these respective parties disagreed in the object they wished to accomplish, they agreed in one thing, and that was the destruction of the Government; and, so far as that point is concerned, the one was as culpable as the other. The blow was first struck at the Southern end of the line. It being struck there, the other spirit that was making war upon the principles of the Gorvernment must have something to vent itself upon, and it joined with those who were for the Union against those who were for the rebellion. But now, when rebellion is put down, if we find an attempt to change the character of the Government, we must equally resist. The attempt now is to consolidate, to concentrate power here. It is the destruction of the Government, and it is a manifestation of the same spirit which attempted to break up the Government. I stand opposed to both; I stand with you for the Government, for the Constitution, for the supremacy of the law, and for obedience to the laws and the Constitution. Let it be understood that so far as making candidates for the future is concerned, I have nothing to do with it. If I can be instrumental in accomplishing the great work we have undertaken, to bring about peace and harmony and reconciliation among all our people, and again place this Government upon its firm basis, I shall feel that I had reached the summit of my ambition. I have no other object in view, if I know my own heart and my own feelings. Gentlemen, permit me to thank you most sincerely for the encouragement you have given me, and for the countenance you have shown by thus timely coming forward in the great struggle for the first principles of free government.

The members of the Committee were then personally introduced to the President.

ANOTHER DELEGATION AND ANOTHER SIEGE AT SPEECH-MAKING.

The Maryland Committee had scarcely concluded their hand-shaking when the delegates to the Iron and Steel Convention called on the President. They were from Pennsylvania, New-Jersey, Georgia, Kentucky, New-York, Illinois, Mississippi, Maryland, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Virginia, Michigan, Delaware, Ohio, Missouri, and other States. Hon. J. K. MOORHEAD, of Pennsylvania accompanied the delegation. Capt. E. B. WARD, of Detroit, President of the American Iron and Steel Association, presented the gentlemen who were representatives to the Convention held yesterday, to the President, remarking, substantially: We have come to tender our respects; we are a convention of workingmen, representing one hundred and fifty thousand employes, with their families, seven hundred and fifty thousand people in various States. They are trying to get Congress to raise the duties on their manufactures, and as far as possible assist the manufacturing interests of the country. We believe that the Southern States in a few years will develop their resources. They are as rich in resources as the Northern States. They have a large number of their people—poor whites, to the number of two millions—who can be employed in manufacturing pursuits, and thereby advantage themselves and raise the manufacturing interests of their section. We assembled last night and passed resolutions in reference to the interests of the laboring classes, whom we are desirous of improving.

The President said in reply that he was much obliged to them for their visit, and thanked them for the compliment of calling upon him. He sympathized to the utmost extent in what they desired to perform in reference to increasing the happiness and promoting the interests of the working classes. His whole life had been devoted to the work of elevating the condition of the working classes. Every action of his life had been in consonance with that principle. Whether, in the means he had adopted, he had been right, time would decide. He would say to them that while they were here engaged in their object, he hoped there was another object in which they were equally interested—the thorough restoration of the Government. The full and complete reconciliation of the country ought to be a precursor to all movements—should be the first object. Such a reconciliation would produce the development of the manufacturing, the commercial, the agricultural and the other industrial interests of the country. He spoke of the state of the currency, and the different views entertained of contraction and expansion, and said: When we look at these things the first object is the restoration of the Government. You thereby enlarge the area for the currency to circulate in, which would have the effect of preventing contraction, while it would give all the practical benefits to be derived from contraction. It would give it a sounder basis to rest upon. By bringing the products of the South, some three hundred million dollars worth of tobacco, cotton, &c., into our commerce, it would avert any possibility of a financial crash. It would make the currency perfectly sound, and it would develop all the industrial resources and promote the industrial interests of the country. The restoration of the Government is the greatest stimulant that can be applied not only to the manufacturing, but the agricultural, commercial and other industrial interests of the nation. He spoke of the internal revenue, and said that a restoration of the Government in all its branches would have the effect to remove all the burdensome internal tax of the country. Anything he could do to promote all the interests of the country, he assured them he would do.

Mr. WARD then said: The great danger to the country are the vast importations from Europe, which cannot be checked except by the imposition of high duties.

The President replied: By creating a greater demand for the currency in extending the area of its circulation, thereby obviating the necessity of diminishing it, all danger would be averted. The paramount object, however, is to let us have a restored Government—a united Union.

Mr. WARD here said: We are under the impression we have a Government.

The President replied: Let us have a whole Government, a restored Union, a thoroughly reconciled and united country.

The members of the Committee were then severally introduced to the President, and the delegation withdrew.

NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE.

The publication of the names of subscribers to the Grant testimonial fund in the New-York *Herald* is a gross violation of the promise given by the editor of said journal, and in violation also of the conditions upon which some of the gentlemen subscribed, and of the promises made to Gen. GRANT that the matter should not be the subject of public mention under any circumstances. It would seem that a journal which professes so much friendship for Gen. GRANT should have decency and consistency enough to respect his feelings and those of his friends, even if it must violate its own obligations.

THE NATIONAL DEBT.

The following is a statement of the public debt of the United States on the 1st of March, 1866:

*Debt Bearing Coin Interest.*

| Character of Issue. | When Red'mable or Payable. | Amount. |
|---|---|---|
| 6 ₩ cent..... | Dec. 31, 1867, and July 1, 1868..... | $16,280,691 80 |
| 5 ₩ cent..... | Jan. 1, 1874..... | 20,000,000 00 |
| 5 ₩ cent..... | Jan. 1, 1871..... | 1,032,000 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent..... | Dec. 31, 1880, and June 30, 1881..... | 282,683,100 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent. 5-20. | May 1, 1867, or May 1, 1882 | 514,795,800 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent. 5-20. | Nov. 1, 1869, or Nov. 1, 1884 | 160,000,000 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent. 5-20. | Nov. 1, 1870, or Nov. 1, 1885 | 61,262,000 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent. 10-40. | March 1, 1874, or March 1, 1904.. | 173,789,100 00 |
| 6 ₩ cent. Oregon War.... | July 1, 1881..... | 1,016,000 00 |
| | Total..... | $1,177,067,291 80 |

*Debt Bearing Currency Interest.*

| Character of Issue. | When Red'mable or Payable. | Amount. |
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| 6 ₩ ct. Bonds, U. P. R. R. Co. | Nov. 1, 1895..... | $1,652,000 00 |
| 6 ₩ ct. Bonds, C. P. R. R. Co. | Jan. 16, 1896..... | 2,362,000 00 |
| 6, 5 and 6 ₩ ct. Tem'y Loan. | 10 dys' notice after 30 d's. | 118,877,999 50 |
| Certificates of Indebted'ss, 1 and 2 year 5 ₩ cent. Notes, 3-year Comp'd Int. Notes... 5-year 7.30 Tr. Notes..... | One year from date..... | 62,264,000 00 |
| | One & two yrs from date. | 6,536,900 00 |
| | Three years from date.. | 118,161 64 |
| | Three years from date.. | 518,044,000 00 |
| | Total..... | $1,185,496,960 50 |

*Matured Debt not Presented for Payment.*

| Character of Issue. | Amount. |
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| Texas Indemnity Bonds..... | $616,000 00 |
| Three-year 7.30 Treasury Notes..... | 167,350 00 |
| Bonds..... | 81,268 00 |
| Treasury Notes..... | 118,161 64 |
| Temporary Loan, coin..... | 1,200 00 |
| Total..... | $985,979 64 |

*Debt Bearing no Interest.*

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| United States Notes..... | $423,435,373 00 |
| Fractional Currency..... | 27,853,734 52 |
| Gold Certificates of Deposit..... | 12,637,600 00 |
| Total..... | $463,586,707 52 |
| Total Debt..... | $2,827,863,959 46 |

*Amount in Treasury.*

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|---|---|
| Coin..... | $55,736,192 12 |
| Currency..... | 60,282,767 12 |
| Total..... | $116,018,959 24 |
| Amount of debt less cash in Treasury. | $2,711,850,000 22 |

The foregoing is a correct statement of the Public Debt as it appears from the books and Treasurer's returns in the Department on the 1st of March, 1866.

HUGH McCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

THE CIVIL RIGHTS BILL.

Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, called up the Civil Rights Bill this morning and made an able speech in its favor. Mr. ROGERS, a member of the same committee, opposed it, in his usual stump-speech style of oratory, as unconstitutional, and as interfering with State rights, &c. This bill has passed the Senate and will probably pass the House. Mr. RAYMOND gave notice that he should offer a bill of a similar character introduced by him early in the session as a substitute. Both bills make citizens of the blacks in all the States, and remove all discrimination as to color from the naturalization laws. But the Senate bill, which was framed by Mr. TRUMBULL, goes much further in providing for the protection of all citizens in the enjoyment of their rights.

PASSAGE OF THE MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATION BILL.

The arrival of the first of the month again finds some of the Congressional clerks, doorkeepers, &c., unable to obtain their salaries, because of the failure of the Miscellaneous Appropriation Bill. Mr. STEVENS therefore, has devoted the past two days in part to the consideration of the bill. It was up again this afternoon, and finished in Committee of the Whole and reported to the House, when all the amendments were concurred in, and the bill was passed. The appropriation for the purchase of Ford's Theatre was among the items agreed to. During the consideration of the bill a proviso was added that hereafter the vignette of no living person should be placed upon the fractional currency. This was moved in consequence of the removal of the vignette of WASHINGTON from the last issue of five cent notes, and the substitution therefor of the head of SPENCER M. CLARK, the person in charge of the Note Printing Bureau of the Treasury Department, which presumptuous act was upon the latter's sole responsibility.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Chairman of the Congressional Executive Committee denies the correctness of the statement made in these dispatches regarding the action of that Committee. On the other hand, another member of the Committee, equally reliable, and more candid perhaps, says the statement is correct in every particular. If the Committee have decided to reverse or modify their action, we shall be very glad to state that fact. The *Republican* of this evening remarks on this subject: "It is sincerely to be hoped that the Committee will, in transacting the important business before it, so direct is efforts as to harmonise the political elements, instead of sowing the seeds of discord. By so doing they will accomplish the best possible work for the Union Party, save the whole country, and ultimately receive the thanks of the entire loyal people."

THE DEBATE OF THE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

The interest in the discussion on the concurrent resolution in the Senate was decidedly on the wane during the past two days, and until Mr. JOHNSON got the floor this afternoon but little attention comparatively was given to the proceedings. The speech of Senator JOHNSON was one of the best efforts of the session upon the purely legal propositions involved in the resolution, and the constitutional points argued in the several preceding arguments of Mr. FESSENDEN and others. He fairly met the issue, and conclusively answered the arguments made in favor of the resolution.

SENATOR WADE AT IT AGAIN.

Some allusions by Mr. JOHNSON to Mr. WADE's participation in a meeting held in Ohio in 1859, brought that gentleman upon his feet at the close of Mr. JOHNSON's remarks. True to his custom, Mr. WADE departed from the real subject before the Senate, and pounced upon the President in his usual tomahawk, muscular style of oratory. There was much in the manner as in the matter, and passion and acrimonious feeling ran riot throughout the Senator's brief speech. He fairly foamed with rage and stamped the floor when he alluded to the opposition manifested toward the radicals, whom he said—to use his elegant language—God Almighty had bared His right arm to protect and support, and against whom all the gates of hell cannot prevail. He warned his opponents, therefore, to give up the contest. An arrangement was agreed upon by which it was determined that a vote shall be taken upon the resolution to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock. In the meantime, Senators COWAN, DAVIS, HENDRICK and FESSENDEN propose to address the Senate.

INDIANS CLAIMING THEIR RIGHTS.

While the Senate was engaged during the morning hour in considering the bill to grant land to aid in the construction of a railroad from Springfield, Mo., to the Pacific coast, by a Southern route, Mr. LANE, of Kansas, rose to announce that a delegation of Indians, representatives of five tribes in whom is invested the title to the Indian Territory, were present in the Senate reception-room, to make protest against the passage of the bill in its present form. These Indians, Mr. LANE explained, are opposed to white settlements on their lands, and by the terms of our treaty with them we are not to molest them in the possession of their territory. The line of the proposed railroad runs through this territory, and the bill before the Senate binds the Government to extinguish the Indian title, and guarantees the right of way through their lands. Upon motion of Mr. LANE, the bill was amended by inserting a clause which requires the Railroad Company to obtain the consent of the Indians before the route can be established. Thus the Company is bound to negotiate with the five tribes occupying the Indian Territory.

FACTS AND FICTIONS ABOUT DISMISSALS AND APPOINTMENTS.

Among the malicious efforts to misrepresent the President and his administration, to which the dead face and the small band of heathen in rebellion is the circulation of exaggerated stories of dismissals of officials in the various Government depots for alleged expression of opinion in opposition to the President's veto, and his speech of last Thursday. We have the best authority for saying that these statements about wholesale decapitation are without the slightest foundation, and are undoubtedly pure fabrications of the President's enemies, intended to engender ill feeling toward the Administration. It is reported that Mr. STEVENS, in order to head off Mr. JOHNSON in this cleaning-out process, has prepared a bill, to be introduced in Congress, which provides that when the Senate has confirmed an appointment of the President, it shall not be competent afterwards for the latter to remove such appointee from office. It may be well for the radicals who claim Secretary HARLAN as of their party, and who are reported as against Mr. JOHNSON, that the Secretary is opposed to the President's policy, to bear in mind the rule laid down by Mr. HARLAN as to the relative positions and duties of the Executive and his subordinates who hold office by appointment. In a letter to an official dismissed from the Interior Department, upon the order of the Secretary, Mr. HARLAN says: "The President should not appoint or retain a Cabinet Minister who is not of his personal choice for the position, and, according to my views, a Cabinet officer could not, with self-respect, remain in office after becoming satisfied, or after having reason to believe that he was not the President's personal choice, and Mr. HARLAN proceeds to apply this rule to all officeholders, of high or low degree. The application of this rule to the very few officers who oppose the President is manifest. Will they evince a small amount of self-respect?

PERSONAL.

The city is still thronged with strangers, and the fine weather of the past three days has filled the halls of Congress with visitors. Among the distinguished persons on the floor of the House to-day was Ex-Gov. ANDREW, of Massachusetts.

## THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS.

FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.....Thursday, March 1.

DYERS' MADDER.

Mr. SHERMAN submitted a communication from the Commissioner of Agriculture to the Senate Committee on Agriculture, relating to dyers' madder, which was ordered to be printed. It contains the statistics of its consumption in this country on account of experiments in its culture here, with their results, and a reference to the causes of its non-production. It also gives an epitome of several essays upon its present culture in France by intelligent parties engaged in producing it from original sources. The amount imported in ten years has been eleven millions twenty-six thousand three hundred and eleven dollars in gold at foreign ports of shipment.

THE RECIPROCITY TREATY.

Mr. MORGAN presented the memorial of the Free-trade League of New-York, for a continuance of the present Reciprocity Treaty; which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

THE MILITIA OF THE REBEL STATES.

Mr. WILSON, from the Military Committee, reported a resolution for the disbandment of the militia of the lately rebellious States, and to prevent their reorganization.

INCREASE OF PAY.

Mr. WILSON presented the petition of military officers for an increase of pay; which was referred to the Military Committee.

THE EULOGY ON HENRY WINTER DAVIS.

Mr. WILSON introduced a resolution to print 10,000 copies of Mr. CRESWELL'S address on HENRY WINTER DAVIS; which was referred to the Committee on Printing.

SOLDIERS' BOUNTIES.

Mr. STOCKTON presented the joint resolution of the New-Jersey Legislature asking bounties for New-Jersey soldiers; which was referred to the Military Committee.

UNITED STATES BUILDINGS AT PORTLAND, OREGON.

Mr. WILLIAMS introduced a resolution instructing the Committee on Finance to inquire into the expediency of appropriating money to build a Post-office, bonded warehouse and Custom-house at Portland, Oregon, which was passed.

THE VETERAN RESERVE CORPS.

Mr. STOCKTON presented the memorial of the New-Jersey Legislature in favor of retaining the Veteran Reserve Corps in the service, which was referred to the Military Committee.

PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. BROWN called up the bill to grant land in aid of the construction of a railroad from Springfield, Mo., to the Pacific coast, by the Southern route.

Mr. LANE, of Kansas, said the bill authorised the road to run through the entire Indian Territory. We could not, according to treaty, intrude upon this territory without the consent of the Indians. It was known that the Indians were opposed to white settlements among them. He hoped the bill would be so amended that no lands would be sold to white settlers.

Mr. BROWN said he was not in favor of violating any obligations of the Governments in its Indian treaties. He did not believe the bill would violate any treaty. There was a special proviso in the section referred to that the extinguishment of Indian titles should be as rapidly as may be consistent with public policy and the welfare of said Indians.

Mr. GRIMES inquired if it was to run through the Cherokee and Choctaw Indian Territory.

Mr. LANE said it was to run through it from one end to the other. He did not believe the Indians would object, provided the alternate sections granted under the bill were not to be sold to the white settlers.

Mr. BROWN suggested, as an amendment, to add the words, "and only by their consent," after the words, "welfare of the Indians."

Mr. POMEROY said that was not necessary, as it could only be done by consent of the Indians, anyhow.

Further consideration of the above was postponed till to-morrow.

IMPORTATION OF CATTLE.

Mr. SHERMAN reported from the Committee on Agriculture the House bill to amend the act to prevent the importation of neat cattle. The bill provides that an act, entitled "An Act to prevent the spread of foreign diseases among the cattle of the United States," approved Dec. 18, 1863, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the importation of neat cattle and the hides of neat cattle from any foreign country into the United States is hereby prohibited—provided, however, that the operation of this act, or any part thereof, shall be suspended as to any foreign country or countries whenever the Secretary of the Treasury shall officially determine and give public notice thereof that such importation will not tend to the introduction or spread of contagious or infectious diseases among the cattle of the United States; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and empowered, and it shall be his duty to make all necessary orders and regulations to carry this law into effect or to suspend the same when provided, and to send copies thereof to the proper officers in the United States and to such officers of the United States in foreign countries as he shall judge necessary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States whenever in his judgment the importation of neat cattle and the hides of neat cattle may be made without danger of the introduction or spread of contagious or infectious diseases among the cattle of the United States, may, by proclamation, declare the provisions of this act inoperative, and the same shall be afterward inoperative and of no effect from and after thirty days from the date of the said proclamation.

*And be it further enacted*, That any person convicted of a wilful violation of any of the provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not exceeding five hundred dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding one year, or by both. Such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the Court.

The bill was passed, and when signed by the President, will become law.

THE HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION.

At 1 o'clock, the regular order, which was the House concurrent resolution, that no Senator or Representative from any State lately in rebellion shall be admitted to either House until Congress shall have declared such State entitled to representation.

Mr. STEWART took the floor in continuation of his speech commenced yesterday. He spoke in favor of the repudiation of the rebel debt, and of a change in the basis of representation. He opposed the pending amendments to the Constitution on the subject of representation, and advocated a change basing representation upon actual votes. He concluded his remarks with an endorsement of the President and his policy.

At the conclusion of Mr. STEWART'S remarks, Mr. JOHNSON took the floor. The question, he said, was what was the condition of the States in which the rebellion lately prevailed? He supposed that all would agree that the rebellion or insurrection or if his friend, Mr. FESSENDEN, would have it, "the war as contradistinguished from the rebellion or insurrection," there is no hostile force to be found in any one of the States in which the rebellion or insurrection or civil war existed. There is no opposition to the authority of the Government in these States. The paramount obligation of that authority is practically conceded everywhere, and a willingness to abide by that authority is manifest everywhere, so far as my information extends, however it may be in relation to individuals or classes of individuals, to be found in those States. There does not exist now in any one of them any purpose or wish to resist the authority of the General Government; on the contrary, so far from wishing to resist that authority their ardent desire is to have it exercised over them, and to be protected by all the security which the Constitution throws around the individuals of the State in the exercise of that authority, the fact be as stated. And I protest that I know of no evidence in contradiction of it. Then it would seem that any argument should be unwilling, while extending to them the authority of the Government, to enforce against them the allegiance due by them to the Government. To legislate in relation to them, by virtue of that authority, and legislate in every form of legislation which Congress has a right to adopt, taxing them under the taxing power, both by the imposition of duties upon imports in their several ports, and by the imposition of taxes under the Internal Revenue law, that you should be unwilling to give them the same security, the same guarantee that the Constitution secures to you and to all of us and to our respective States, in the execution of the same authority over us and our States.

With these preliminary remarks, said Mr. JOHNSON, I deem it necessary for the purpose I have in view, very briefly to call the attention of the Senate to the character of the Government under which we live. My friend from Maine, Mr. FESSENDEN, and to a greater extent in that particular, the one from Massachusetts, Mr. SUMNER, and even to a greater extent in that particular, the honorable Senator from Nevada, Mr. NYE, have discussed the question, which I am about to examine, as if we were living under one government, owning but one allegiance and government, not only paramount within its prescribed limits, but paramount everywhere, without limitation, capable of doing everywhere what any national government can do within its own domain. Is that true? When the thirteen colonies determined to resist what they considered the tyranical usurpation of England, and declared themselves free and independent, and succeeded in achieving that independence, each for itself—itself, because as absolutely a nation as it is possible for any nation to come—they professed to have no superior; they claimed perfect and absolute nationality as separate and distinct people, competent to do in peace or in war what any people, under any form of government, is competent to do in that condition. Finding it necessary, however, to have some form of general government, they adopted for that purpose the articles of confederation. Not only did they not devolve upon that Government no powers inconsistent with their absolute sovereignty; but they carefully guarded against the possibility of an inference of that kind by saying that all the powers not expressly granted to the Government created by the articles of confederation were still to be considered as remaining in the several States. And they did more. The form of Government, if Government it could be called, which these articles created, was in one sense no Government at all. It constituted but a compact which amounted to a league, and all the powers to be exerted, not upon individual citizens anywhere, but upon individuals through the State Governments; and the vice of that Government was, that it was incapable of performing many of the functions for which governments are created; and the men of that day, becoming convinced of that fact, recommended to the American people the Constitution under which we now live, which is the creation of its own powers looks to no State interference and no State assistance, but to the direct responsibility of each individual citizen to the Government within the limits of the powers conferred on the Government. It does not pass by the States altogether. It is not only not designed to impair them in any manner except to the extent of the powers expressly delegated. It did not impair the sovereignty of the States at all. On the contrary, in order to place the continued existence of that sovereignty beyond all doubt, and exempt it from the hazard of a possible implication that there could be found in some clause of the Constitution a feature which in future might be construed to impair the sovereignty of the States, by an amendment soon after adopted, declared in the Constitution that all the powers not conferred were reserved to the States for the people. The clause upon which the Senator from Massachusetts (Mr. SUMNER) relies as giving to Congress power to legislate is limited in such a manner as only to be necessary and proper to carry out the express and implied end. Is the Government created by that Constitution a national Government? Not if the men of the day when it was adopted knew what its character was. It was partly national and partly Federal. Its adoption, the very act of its adoption, the very measures provided for its adoption, demonstrated that in the judgment of the men of the day, it was not a National Government. It was submitted to the people of the several States for rejection or approval. The people of the United States, acting as the people of the several States respectively. The concurrence of the people of a certain number of the States was necessary, according to the provisions of the Constitution, to give it actual being. In adopting the Constitution of the United States, the people judged and acted separately. It was not adopted by a majority of the people of the United States. It might have been adopted by the required number of States, and yet not have met the approval of a majority of the people of the United States. Mr. JOHNSON here quoted from the thirty-ninth paper of the *Federalist*, which, he said, was attributed to Mr. MADISON, to show that it was MADISON'S opinion that the Constitution was not strictly Federal nor strictly National in its founding it is Federal, not National. In the sources from which the ordinary powers of the Government are desrived it is partly National and partly Federal. In the operation of these powers, it is national, not Federal. In the extent of them again, it is Federal, not national. And, finally, in the mode of amendment, it is neither wholly Federal nor wholly National. It is obvious from these considerations that the machinery of this Government—that without which it cannot continue at all—is nearly all vested in the States. This body cannot exist without that machinery. There can be no Congress without the concurrence of the States. The Constitution itself recognises this fact by providing that Senators shall be chosen by the States through their Legislatures. And no provision is made for any other mode under any possible state of circumstances by which that can be changed. The States, therefore, are absolut ly necessary to the very existence of the Government. They are a part and parcel on with the Government without the States than you would be able to administer the Government without people. Therefore, whoever seeks to blot out the existence of a State of the Union strikes a blow at the very life of the Government. It may live, although one be stricken out of existence. It may live although eleven be stricken out. But the blow at the Government, although not absolutely fatal according to the hypothesis of fact which I have supposed, is none the less a fatal blow. If the men by whom the Constitution was framed had been asked whether, thus contemplated as a possible contingency, any of the existing States should cease their existence, they would have said, because the continuing wholesome existence of the Government depends upon the continuing existence of the States. The Government is infinitely more dependent upon the States than the States are upon the Government. Gentlemen who have engaged in this debate seem to suppose that all the political questions that can possibly arise, all the measures which it will be necessary to adopt in order to secure the prosperity and freedom of the people are with Congress. That is not so. Not only is there a large mass of power necessary to be exerted in order to secure peace, prosperity and protection to the individual citizen, but a far larger mass of power belongs to the States. The whole subject of contracts as between man and man, the mode of disposing of personal property, the mode of disposing of real estate, the mode of dividing real and personal estate, the law of marriage, and judicial jurisdiction over these several subjects in anything that concerns the interest of the citizen is with the States. Not only is the power of the General Government limited in regard to its legislative department, but it is equally limited in regard to its judicial department. We look in vain in that department of the Government for any authority at all to adjudicate upon the infinite variety of transactions which take place as between man and man in the States. The Government deals with matters involving the interests of the States, *inter se*, with the contracts entered into by the individuals of the several States, and upon all controversies of that description the Government has judicial powers. All cases in law or equity, arising under the Constitution and laws of the United States and the treaties made in pursuance of the authority conferred upon the judicial department of the Government; but there it stops: nothing else. What is to become of the interests of the people of the several States if they have no government of their own? Anarchy! Mr. JOHNSON next considered the status of the lately rebellious States, denying the grounds taken by some Senators that they were reduced by the rebellion to the condition of Territories. If they are States still, they are such, in fact, as they were before the war. Their relation to their sister States and their consequent relation to the Government of the United States is the same on which they stood to both when the insurrection broke out. If this is a necessary result, does it not also follow that they are entitled to representation? Whether they present persons who cannot take their seats, because they have individually committed crimes against the United States, is another matter. I speak now as to the right itself. What provision is there in the Constitution which puts it in the authority of this body to deny to any State of the United States an equal representation with these other States that are represented here? Not only is there nothing, but so sedulous were the framers of that instrument to guard against the possibility that any State should not be equally represented on the floor of the Senate with every other State, that they placed that right beyond the power of amendment. The language of the Constitution is, as we all know, that no State shall be deprived of its equal representation in the Senate except by its own consent.

The lately rebellious States, said Mr. JOHNSON, are States and not Territories. If this be true, it is obvious that they are entitled to representation in Congress. Yet what has been done? I do not understand the Senator from Maine, Mr. FESSENDEN, as denying the right, but only as denying that the time had come when the right should be enjoyed.

Mr. JOHNSON then referred to the fact that the credentials of several Senators, from lately insurrectionary States, were before the Senate. He had himself presented the credentials of Mr. PERRY, of South Carolina.

Mr. SUMNER asked if Mr. JOHNSON was aware that Mr. PERRY held office under the rebel Government, so that he could not take the oath required of a Senator.

Mr. JOHNSON was aware of that. He was speaking of Mr. PERRY as an individual. But while Mr. PERRY might have made mistakes in the past he had no doubt that he was as loyal as Mr. SUMNER himself. It was a grateful theme to him to speak of these men in terms of praise. No one had denounced their acts of secession more than he. He read from the late speech of Mr. STEPHENS, before the Georgia Legislature, and commended its tone and spirit as patriotic and statesmanlike. He had before him a newspaper containing the report of a meeting held in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1859, at which Mr. WADE presided. Resolutions were passed denouncing the fugitive slave law as unconstitutional, and asserting the doctrine of secession and State rights as clearly as CALHOUN had ever done.

The present Chief-Justice of the United States was present at the meeting, and gave his assent to the resolutions. He did not doubt that these two gentlemen were loyal now, through the action of the Cleveland meeting was clearly disloyal; but he referred to the matter to show that men might change their opinions on these subjects, and that the fact of disloyalty seven years ago was not proof of present disloyalty. If JEFFERSON DAVIS was to be tried for treason, the present Chief-Justice was not the man to sit in judgment on him. He might pronounce him guilty according to the title of the law; but with the Cleveland resolutions before him he could not help entreating pardon for him. Massachusetts was not altogether free from this taint of treason. In the war of 1812 she refused to let her troops leave the State, which was clearly an act of hostility to the Government. JOSIAH QUINCY said, in a speech in the House, that the purchase of Louisiana would justify and lead to the secession of Massachusetts. Mr. JOHNSON next discussed the pending resolution, speaking against it as unwise and unconstitutional.

At the conclusion of Mr. JOHNSON'S remarks Mr. HENDRICKS moved to amend by inserting the words "inhabitants of which" in the resolution, so as to make it read "the eleven States the inhabitants of which have been declared to be in insurrection." He said this was necessary to make it accord with the proclamations issued during the war which had all recognized the people and not the States as in rebellion.

Mr. POMEROY inquired if Mr. HENDRICKS would vote for the resolution so amended.

Mr. HENDRICKS said he would not vote for it in any shape. He thought it right, however, for him to get it into the best form possible if it must pass.

Mr. WADE rose to reply to that part of Mr. JOHNSON'S speech which related to him. He had nothing to do with the meeting at Cleveland in 1865, and knew nothing about it. He had never indorsed secession in any way.

Mr. JOHNSON said he had simply said what he found in the Baltimore *Gazette*, copied from an Ohio paper.

Mr. WADE said there was not a word of truth in it.

Mr. JOHNSON asked Mr. WADE if he would deny that such a meeting was held.

Mr. WADE said he knew nothing about it.

A motion to adjourn created some discussion, but was finally agreed to, with an understanding that a vote on the concurrent resolution would be taken to-morrow night.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

THE REBEL RAID ON CHAMBERSBURGH.

Mr. COFFROTH offered a resolution instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to report an act refunding to citizens of Chambersburgh, Penn., whose property was burned or business suspended or destroyed by the rebels, commanded by the notorious and fiendish Gen. MCCAUSLAND, the amount of internal tax paid by them for the year 1864.

Mr. WASHBURNE, of Illinois, suggested that the resolution be modified so as to direct the Committee to inquire into the propriety of doing so. The resolution, after being so modified, was adopted.

THE PACIFIC RAILROAD.

Mr. PRICE, from the Pacific Railroad Committee, reported a substitute for the House Bill to lay out and construct a railroad and telegraph line from the City of Portland, Oregon, to the Central Pacific Railroad. It was ordered to be printed and recommitted.

LAND GRANTS.

Mr. TROWBRIDGE introduced a bill amendatory of an act of June, 1836, making a grant of lands to the State of Michigan, for railroad purposes; which was referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

THE DUTY ON PAPER.

Mr. KETCHAM offered a resolution, which was adopted, instructing the Committee of Ways and Means to inquire into the expediency of reducing the duty on paper.

THE PORTAGE LAKE SHIP CANAL.

## MONETARY AFFAIRS.

**Sales at the Stock Exchange—March 1, 1866.**

$2,000 U. S. 6s, '67..... 123
6,000 U. S. 5s, '81 C..... 104⅛
8,000 do.....2d call 104⅜
14,500 U.S.5s,5-2 s. C.'62 103⅛
38,500 do.....2d call 103⅜
83,000 U. S.6s,5-20s C.'64 103
3,000 U. S. 6s, 5-20s. C. ex int..... 90⅞
10,000 do..... 90⅝
1,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Series..... 99⅝
6,000 do.....2d call 99⅝
2,000 do.....3d Ser..... 99⅛
1,000 do. Third Ser..... 99⅜
3,000 U. S. 6s, 1 yr. Cer. New Issue..... 98⅝
10,000 N. Y. St. 7s, Bounty Loan..... 99⅞
10,000 Tenn. 6s, '90..... 92½
10,000 N. Car. 6s..... 81
5,000 do.....2d call 82
2,000 Rhode Isl. 6s..... 92⅝
6,000 N. Y. C. 7s, '76. Con 103⅛
1,000 Erie 1st M..... 100
2,000 Mich. So. S. F. 8s 95
5,000 C., Bur. & Q. 8s, 1st 109
3,000 Clev. & Tol. S. F. 8s 94
5,000 Chic. & A. 1st M. 94
7 Bank of New-York 112⅝
10 Shoe & Leather Bk. 108
5 Fourth Nat. Bank.. 98
5 Bk. Commonwealth 100
5 Park Bank..... 145
10 Ocean Bank..... 93½
100 Canton Co..... b30 44⅜
100 Del. & Hud. C.....s60 135
43 do..... 133⅞
209 Central Coal..... 42
100 do..... 41⅜
10 Cum. Coal Pr..... 45¼
100 do.....s30 45
100 do..... 45⅜
150 West. Union Tel.... 68
50 do.....2d call 68
30 do..... 67⅜
300 do..... 67
50 do.....2d call 68
200 Butler Coal..... 15
300 Quick. Min. Co..... 43½
200 do.....2d call 43⅝
200 do.....2d call 43⅝
200 Atlantic S. S. Co.... 131¼
100 Pac. Mail Scrip.s10 195

### 1 O'CLOCK BOARD.

400 Erie Railroad..... 87⅛
100 do.....s30 87⅝
500 Reading R..... 99¾
200 M. S. & N. I..... 70⅞

### 2½ O'CLOCK BOARD.

$5,000 U.S.6s,5-20s C.'62 103½
1,000 U.S.6s 5-20s C.'64 b 2⅞
Erie R. Scrip, 6s, due Oct. ex int..... 90⅜
54,000 do..... 90⅞
1,000 Tr. Notes, 7 3-10s. First Series..... 99⅝
17,000 do...Sec. Ser. 99⅛
12,000 do...3d Series. 99⅛
10,000 Tenn. 6s, '90..... 92⅝
5,000 N.Y.St.7s, Bounty Loan..... 99⅞
1,000 N. Car. 6s..... 81
1,000 Missouri 6s..... 78
10,000 C. & M. Cer..... 28⅛
3.0 Cum. Coal Pr..... 45¼
200 Quick. Min. Co..... 42⅝
100 do.....b30 43
200 do.....b5 43
150 West. Union Tel.... 68
50 do.....s30 67⅝
300 do..... 67⅝
50 do.....2d call 68
200 Butler Coal..... 15
300 Quick. Min. Co..... 43½
200 do.....2d call 43⅝
200 Atlantic S. S. Co.... 131¼
100 Pac. Mail Scrip.s10 195

### OPEN BOARD—10 A. M.

500 Schuylkill Coal..... 15½
100 do.....b3 15⅜
100 do.....s3 15⅛
200 N. Y. Central.....s3 91⅝
5 do.....s3 91⅞
2,500 do..... 91⅝
100 do.....b5 91⅞
100 do.....c 91⅜
300 Erie Railroad..... 85⅜
100 do.....b3 85⅜
100 do.....b10 85⅝
100 do..... c 85⅜
100 do.....s30 85⅝
100 do.....s3 85⅞
100 do.....c 86⅛
100 do..... 85⅝
100 do.....s3 85⅞
100 do.....b5 85⅝
100 do.....s5 85⅜
300 do.....b3 85⅜
100 do.....c 85⅜
100 Chic. & R. I.....s3 105⅞

### OPEN BOARD—1 P. M.

100 Cumb. Coal..... 45½
400 Schuylkill Coal..... 15½
100 N. Y. Cen.....s3 92
1300 Erie Railroad.....c 85⅜
400 do.....s10 85⅞
600 do.....s10 £5
200 do.....s30 85⅜
2.0 Clev. & Tol..... 93
100 Chic. & N. W. P.....s3 54⅛

### OPEN BOARD—3½ P. M.

100 Schuylkill Coal..... 15½
100 do..... 15
300 Maryland A. C..... 16⅜
100 New-York Cen. b3 92⅛
100 do.....s3 92⅛
100 do.....s5 92⅛
100 do..... 92⅜
700 Erie R.....s3 86⅞
400 do.....s3 86⅞
200 do.....s30 85⅜
100 do.....s4 85⅜
100 Hud. R. R..... 103⅛
100 do.....s3 103⅛
100 do..... 103⅝

THURSDAY, March 1—P. M.

The March disbursement of United States Gold Interest on the 10-40 years 5 ₱ cents., though not a relatively important item, had its influence on the Gold market to-day, in connection with th favorable English news by the *Asia* at Halifax. The March Gold Interest amounts at all the Treasury Offices to $4,319,252, of which about $2 500,000 will be disbursed at New-York. The speculation in the Gold Room is unusually weak to-day, and without any competition from the Government as a seller, or any suspicion on the Street that the Government will renew its sales below the figure, 137¼ ₱ cent., at which the heavy operations of last week were made. Exchange since the later foreign news, (which has imparted confidence to Cotton bills and to the prices of American Stocks in London,) is quiet at yesterday's quotation of 108⅛@108¼ for standard names on London. The leading drawers are not disposed to yield in their rates, but the demand from the Import trade and in settlement of cr dits is not yet important for the mail of Saturday, and the market this afternoon leaves off dull. The sales of Gold through the day were at 136¼@136⅜@136⅛₱ cent., establishing a decline of full ¼ ₱ cent. from yesterday's transactions, and 1¼ ₱ cent. from the Government price of last week.

The advices from London of United States 5-20s at 68@68¼ ₱ cent., and of Cotton at 19d. for Orleans Middlings, together with an increase in the Bank bullion and an advance in Consols, were better than most parties in the Cotton trade and Foreign Exchanges here looked for, and the news imparted a firmer tone to all the dealings to-day in Government Securities, including the old 5-20s, which go up, rather than down, with the decline in Gold and Exchange. The impression is quite confident that a further advance will be made in London and Frankfort, and the news goes from this side of a gradual, but decided improvement in the Currency, and the astonishing increase in the Customs and Excise revenues of the Government.

In reference to these revenues, we have again to call attention to the remarkable gain since the 1st October last upon the estimates of Secretary McCULLOCH for the last nine months of the current Fiscal Year. He is now abundantly satisfied himself that no new loans will be required to carry him through this period, and that the Public Debt on the 30th June next will stand less than on the 1st October last, in place of requiring $112,192,947 to be added to it. The estimate of receipts was on the basis of $34,000,000 ₱ month, or $305,500,000 for the nine months. His Customs were to be $11,000,000 in Gold. Thus far they have averaged nearly $15,000,000 ₱ month. His Excises were to be $19,500,000 ₱ month. To the 1st February (official) they averaged $26,605,066 ₱ month. His miscellaneous receipts were to average $3,333,000 ₱ month, or $30,000,000 for the nine months. To the 1st February they were:

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| Sales of War and Navy material | $7,096,443 |
| Revenue on Gold and Cotton sales | 22,125,377 |
| Miscellaneous to Feb. 1 | $29,221,820 |

The estimate of Expenditures was on the basis of $53,872,000 ₱ month, or $484,853,000 for the nine months. It is questionable whether they will exceed $400,000,000, or about $35,000,000 ₱ month.

The demand for Money from the Stock Brokers is readily met at 7 ₱ cent., and balances are left over on Government collateral at 6 ₱ cent. There is a fair degree of activity in the market, owing to the revival of speculation in the Railways on the Stock Exchange. The Discount Brokers report 7@8 ₱ cent. ₱ annum on first-class Bankers' acceptances and Merchant bills, sixty days to four months.

In the active dealings in the United States Securities Messrs. JAY COOKE & Co. came directly into the market for the first time to-day, through their newly established New-York Banking Office. This competition and the favorable tenor of the European advices made a large business in Treasury paper and the Gold-bearing Stocks, and at advanced prices, both at the Stock Exchange and on Wall-street.

In the Railway speculation there was a further vigorous advance of nearly 2 ₱ cent. on Erie shares, and although the other New-York and Western Roads were not advanced in proportion, and a disposition was evinced to keep them down by *short* sales, the general feeling at the close of the day indicated an active March speculation, as foreshadowed in the Erie and New-York Central combinations at the close of last week. At 4 o'clock the following quotations were made, as compared with Wednesday afternoon, the market closing under considerable excitement in Erie, and a prevailing firmness in prices on the Railways. There was a further decline in Gold of ¼ ₱ cent., making full 1 ₱ cent. since yesterday:

| | Wed. | Thur. |
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| U. S. 10-40s..... | 94⅛ | 91* |
| U. S. 5-20s..... | 103 | 103¼ |
| U. S. 7.30s..... | 99⅛ | 99⅝ |
| N. Y. Central..... | 91⅞ | 92⅛ |
| Erie..... | 85 | 86⅝ |
| Hudson..... | 103⅛ | 104 |
| Reading..... | 100 | 99⅝ |
| Mich. Southern.. | 70¼ | 70⅝ |
| Illinois Central.. | 115⅜ | 116 |
| Pittsburgh..... | 77⅝ | 77¾ |
| Prairie du Chien | 96 | 96 |

*Ex-div.

The following quotations were made for the City Bank Shares:

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| New-York..... | 112 | Hanover..... | 108 |
| Merchants'..... | 110¼ | Irving..... | 108 |
| Manhattan..... | 115 | Metropolitan..... | 130 |
| America..... | 137 | Market..... | 110 |
| North River..... | 120 | Shoe and Leather.... | 108 |
| Tradesmen's..... | 130 | Corn Exchange..... | 110 |
| Mechs' & Traders'.. | 130 | Continental..... | 96 |
| National..... | 106 | St. Nicholas..... | 100 |
| Seventh Ward..... | 105 | Commonwealth..... | 100 |
| State of New York.. | 105 | Importers' & Traders' | 100¼ |
| Commerce..... | 106 | Park..... | 145 |
| Mechanics' Bkg Ass... | 106 | Manufac. & Merch'ts. | 100 |
| Broadway..... | 225 | Central National.... | 108 |
| Ocean..... | 93 | First National..... | 210 |
| American Exchange. | 110 | Fourth National..... | 97¾ |
| Chatham..... | 130 | Ninth National..... | 108 |
| Bank of Republic.. | 108 | Oriental Bank..... | 111 |
| Bank of N. America.. | 106 | | |

And the following for the Railway mortgages:

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| N. Y. Cen. 6s, 1883..... | 92⅜ | Alton & T. H. 2d M. pf. | 77 |
| N. Y. Cen. 7s, 1876..... | 102⅜ | Chi. & N. W. S. F. | 99 |
| N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76 con.... | 99½ | Lack. & West'n Bonds. | 98 |
| N. Y. Cen. 7s, '76..... | 100¾ | Del. L. & W. 1st M..... | 102½ |
| Erie 7s, 2d mort. '59.. | 103 | Tol. & Wab. 1st M..... | 87 |
| Erie 7s, 3d mort., '83... | 96½ | Tol. & Wab. 2d M..... | 72 |
| Erie 7s, 5th mort., 1888. | 94 | Gal. & Chic. 2d M..... | 95 |
| Buf. N. Y. & E. 1st M. '77 | 93 | Cleve. & Tol. S. Fund. | 94 |
| Buf. N. Y. 2ds, S. F. 7s. | 93¾ | N. J. Central 1st M.... | 99½ |
| Hud. R. 7s, 3d M. '75.. | 95 | Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch., 1st | 90 |
| Hud. R. 7s, conv., '67.. | 96 | Pitts., Ft. W. & Ch., 2d. | 80 |
| Harlem 1st mort., '99-'72. | 99 | Clev. & P. 1st M. con.. | 96 |
| Harlem 2ds, '88..... | 91 | Cleve. & P. 4th mort.. | 72 |
| Mich. C. new 1st M.8's 82. | 111 | Miss. & Mo. L. G. 1st M. | 46 |
| Chi. R. I. & P. 6's, 1917. | 109 | Chic. & Alton 1st M..... | 98 |
| Mich. So. 7 ₱ c. 2d s.. | 89 | Chic. & Al. 1st M..... | 94 |
| N. Ind. Gosh. Line, '68.. | 90 | Peninsula R. R. bonds.. | 86 |
| Mich. S. & N. I. 7s..... | 93 | Mich. S. & N. I. 2d M.... | 79 |
| Ill. Cen. 7 p. c. 1875.... | 108 | Mil. & St. Paul Inc..... | 70 |
| Alton & T. H. 1st M..... | 87½ | Chi. & Mil. 1st M..... | 84 |

A young Stock firm, Messrs. PARDOW, DOUGHTY & Co., No. 43 Exchange-place, advertise business to-day. Mr. ROBERT PARDOW, Jr., formerly with the Messrs. O'BRIEN, is a member of the Stock Exchange Board.

The annual meeting of the Shareholders in the Fort Wayne Company is advertised to take place at Pittsburgh on the 21st inst.

The day's business at the office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States was as follows: Receipts, $1,505,562 72; for Customs, $397,000; on account Loan, $33,000; Coin Certificates, $644,000; Payments, $1,399,727 19; Balance, $106,234,481 53.

## GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Thursday, March 1, 1866.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last have been 26 bbls. Ashes, 6,761 bbls. Flour, 2,154 bbls. and 2,789 bags Corn Meal, 805 bushels Wheat, 2,600 bushels Corn, 300 bushels Rye, 675 bushels Barley, 3,000 bushels Malt, 4,426 bushels Oats, 1,383 bbls. Pork, 463 ₱ kgs. Cut Meats, 1,968 pkgs. Lard, 519 pkgs. Beef, and 59 bbls. Whisky.

ASHES—Continue quiet but steady at $7 75 for Pots and $11 5C for Pearls, ₱ 100 lbs.

COFFEE—Has been quoted firm, without any special activity. We quote: Java at 28c.@28¼c.; Maracaibo at 21c.@23½c.; Laguayra at 21c.@23¼c.; Rio at 17½c.@21½c. and St. Domingo at 17¾c.@17¾c., cash, in gold, ₱ lb.

COTTON—Is quiet at former prices. Middlings, 43c.@44c. ₱ lb. Sales and resales since our last, 2,250 bales. The receipts at this port have been 168,964 bales since Jan. 1, 1866, and 592,381 bales since the commencement of the current cotton year, Sept. 1, 1865.

DRY GOODS—The Dry Goods Exchange report to-day is as follows: *Jobbers' Prices*—Brown Sheetings—Pacific A, 27½c.; Pacific E, 24c.; Pepperell E, 27c.; Pepperell R, 25c.; Pepperell N, 21c. Bleached Shirtings—Manonville, 40c.; Lonsdale, 38c.; Pocasset, 36-inch, 35c.; Bartlett, 33-inch, 27½c.; Bartlett, 30-inch, 25c. Prints—Cocheco, 23c.; Pacific, 22½c.; Rich mond, 21c.; Lancaster, 19c.; Victory, 18c.; Wamsutta, 17½c. Ginghams—Lancaster, 26c.; Hartford, 24c. Cambrics, Washington, 22c.; Portland, 17c. Brown Drills—Pepperell, 29c.; Wimbrop, 26c. Corset Jeans—Pepperell, 36c.; Bates, 25c. Canton Flannels—Hamilton, 35c.; Salmon Falls, 35c. Ticks—Methuen A A, 60c.; Hampden, C C, 40c. Hampden, D D, 35c. Stripes—York, 40c.; Everett, 32c. Denims—York, 50c.; Wide World, 37c. Hoop Skirts—Bradley's Duplex, Elliptic, 20 to 50 hoops, 87½c.@$1 75. Express Trail, $1 25; S. T. & A. T. Meyer's I X L, no change in prices. The following dispatch was received at the Dry Goods Exchange to-day: Cincinnati—Market quiet and weak.

EGGS—Receipts and sales are about equal; prices steady. We quote: State and Jersey, 35c.@40c.; Ordinary Western, 34c.@36c.; Western, by express, 36c.@38c.; Canada, 35c.@37c.; Limed Eggs, 24c.@28c. ₱ dozen.

FRUIT—Foreign varieties are dull and heavy. The only demand for domestic Apples is for the local trade, which requires choice qualities, and for which as high as $6 50 has been paid. We quote; Apples, Fancy Western, $5@$6; Apples, Mixed Western, $3 50@$5; Apples, Common Western, $2@$3; Cranberries, choice, $12@$14; Cranberries, second grade, $6@$7, ₱ bbl. The demand for Dried Apples is better, but prices have not improved. Dried Peaches are in moderate demand at quotations. We quote: Dried Apples, new, 13¼c.@14c.; Dried Apples, old state, 9c.@11c.; Peaches, Southern, peeled, 25c.@32c.; Peaches, unpeeled, halves, 14c.@15c.; Peaches, unpeeled, quarters, 12c.@14c.; Cherries, new pitted, 45c.@48c.; Blackberries, 28c.@31c.; Raspberries, 40c.@45c.; Plums, 29c.@30c. ₱ lb.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western Flour has been decidedly more active than usual of late. The demand has been in part from buyers for the British Provinces, and has run largely on local made Flour. Prices of common grades have advanced about 10c. Superfine State and Western at $6 80@$7 45; inferior to choice Extra State at $7 30@$8 20, chiefly at $7 40 @$7 80; round-hoop Extra Ohio, inferior to good shipping brands, at $8 25@$8 75 ₱ bbl. We now quote:

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| Superfine State and Western..... | $6 80 | @ | $7 45 |
| Extra State..... | 7 30 | @ | 8 30 |
| Extra Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, &c. | 7 50 | @ | 11 00 |
| Extra Ohio, round-hoop, ship'g brands | 8 25 | @ | 8 75 |
| Extra Ohio, trade and family brands.. | 8 80 | @ | 11 75 |
| Extra Genesee..... | 8 75 | @ | 12 50 |
| Poor to very choice extra Missouri... | 9 50 | @ | 15 50 |

Southern Flour is doing better. Sales since our last 1,750 bbls., in lots, at $8 80@$10 20 for poor to good, and $10 25@$15 50 for good to very choice extra brands, ₱ bbl. Canadian Flour is steadily improving; sales 500 bbls. Extra at $7 65@$11 50 ₱ bbl. Rye Flour continues inactive, including Superfine at $4 50@$5 50 ₱ bbl. Corn Meal is in more demand at $3 70@$3 85 for Western, $3 65 @$3 75 for Jersey, and $4 25 for Brandywine, ₱ bbl. Sales 900 bbl.

GRAIN—Wheat has been in good request at a further partial advance of 1c.@2c. ₱ bushel. Sales since our last, 53,000 bushels, including White Canada at $2 50; common to very choice Milwaukee Club, in store, $1 65@$1 72; White Genesee at $2 50; and Amber State at $2 40 ₱ bushel. Corn is less active, closing less buoyantly. Sales since our last 45,000 bushels at 75c.@78c. for unsound and 79c.@82c. for sound mixed Western, in store and delivered, the latter rate for very choice; and 80c.@83c. for Jersey and Southern Yellow, ₱ bushel. Oats are in less demand, including State at 56c.@57c. for Jersey and Pennsylvania at 50c.@52c.; old Western at 54c.@ 55c.; new Western at 39c.@43c.; Canada at 56c.@57c. ₱ bushel. Rye, Barley and Barley Malt are unchanged. The market for Beans has ruled dull the past week, and prices are lower. Peas are dull and unchanged. We quote: New Marrows, $2 20@$2 40; New Kidneys, $2 40@$2 60; New Mediums, $1 50@ $1 75; Mixed lots, $1 40@$1 55; Peas, Canada, $1 30 @$1 35; Peas, Green Marrowfat, $2 75@$3 ₱ bushel.

HAY—North River bale has been in request at 80c. @95c. ₱ 100 ₱s.

HOPS—Are salable and firm, including last year's crop at 35c.@65c., and two years' old at 12c.@45c. ₱ lb.

MOLASSES—His been in rather more request in cluding New-Orleans at 95c.@$1 10; Porto Rico at 40c.@75c.; Cuba at 34c.@80c. ₱ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Continue in demand, including Spirits of Turpentine at 90c.@92½c. ₱ gallon; Crude do. at $7@$7 25; Resin at $4 37½@$15 ₱ 280 lbs.; Tar, at $2 50@$3 87½ ₱ bbl.

OILS—Rule dull and heavy, including Crude Whale at $1 37½@$1 40; Bleached Whale at $1 50@$1 53; Crude Sperm at $2 40; Unbleached do. at $2 55@ $2 70; Lard Oil at $1 75@$1 90; Red Oil at 85c.@95c.; Linseed Oil at $1 38@$1 40 ₱ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Is very quiet at 28c.@29c. for Crude; 44c.@45c. for Refined in bond, and 62c.@65c. for do. free, ₱ gallon.

POTATOES, &c.—Potatoes are depressed and declining, under more liberal arrivals. Onions are dull and nominal. We quote: Mercer Potatoes, $2 25@ $3, Jackson Whites $1 75@$2, Buckeyes $1 25@$1 50, Dyckman $3@$3 50, Peach Blows, $2@2 75, Sweet Potatoes $6@$7, Onions, Red, $1 25@$1 50, Onions, White, $2@$2 50 ₱ bbl. Cabbages, New, ₱ 100, $8@ $12; Turnips, Russia, new, ₱ bbl., $1@$1 50; Marrow Squash, ₱ bbl., $3@$4; Pumpkins, ₱ 100, $1@$ $20.

POULTRY AND GAME—The large receipts of Poultry the past week from the West and Canada has had the effect of reducing prices, and lots unless fine, will not bring quotations. We quote: Dressed Poultry—Turkeys, 25c.@26c.; Chickens, 18c.@23c.; Geese, 16c.@18c.; Ducks, 24c.@26c. ₱ lb. Live Poultry—Turkeys, 20c.@23c.; Fowls, 18c.@20c.; Chickens, 18c. @20c. ₱ lb.; Geese, $1@3 50; Ducks, $1 25@$1 50; Guinea Fowls, 50c.@$1 ₱ pair; Pigeons, 50c.@$1; Ducks, Teal, 40c.@ 50c.; Ducks, canvas back, $2 50@$3 75; Prairie Chickens, 60c.@75c. ₱ pair; Venison, saddle, 18c.@20c.; Venison, carcass, 14c.@16c. ₱ lb.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been less freely dealt in at lower and declining prices. Sales since our last 4,500 bbls., in lots, at $36@$36 37½ for new Mess, closing at $36 12½ cash; $36@$36 25 for small lots one year old Mess; $34 75@$35 for old Prime Mess, $26 50 for new do.; and $30 50@$30 75 for new Prime, ₱ bbl. Sales were also made of 3,500 bbls. New Mess, March, April and May delivery, sellers' and buyers' options, at $36 25@$36 62½ ₱ bbl. Stock on hand to-day 100,546 bbls., against 66,031 bbls. Feb. 1, 1866, and 128,234 bbls. March 1, 1865. Cut Meats are in active demand at 11¼c.@12½c. for Shoulders, and 17c.@18½c. for Hams; sales 1,100 pkgs. Also City Smoked Hams at 21¾c., and do. Shoulders at 15½c. ₱ lb. Bacon is in request, including Cumberland Cut at 15½c.@15½c.; Short Rib at 16½c.@16¾c.; Long Ribbed, 16½c.@ 15½c.; Long Clear at 15½c.@15¾c.; Short Clear, @17c.; Long Cut Hams at 16½c.@17¼c. ₱ lb.; sales 350 boxes. Dressed Hogs are quiet at 12½c. @13½c., chiefly at 13c., for Western, and 13¾c.@ 14c. for City. Lard is in fair request at unchanged prices; sales 1,050 tcs. and bbls. at 17c.@ 19¼c., the latter for very choice, and 750 bbls. for March and April delivery, sellers' option, at 19¼c. ₱ lb. Beef is in request at $16@$20 for New Plain Mess, and $20@$24 for New Extra do.; sales have been reported of 500 bbls. Tierce Beef is dull and nominal. Stock to-day 29,189 tierces and bbls., against 30,896 tierces and bbls. Feb. 1, 1866, and 106,-511 tierces and bbls. March 1, 1865. Beef Hams are in demand at $41@$41 50 ₱ bbl.; sales 150 bbls. Butter is in active demand at 38c.@53c. for poor to prime, 55c.@60c. for fancy State, and 58c.@63c. for Western. Cheese continues in demand and steady at 15c.@23c. ₱ lb. The week's business in Butter and Cheese Messrs. STAHIN & FLOYD notice thus:

**The advance in the market for Butter, noted in our last report, has been fully sustained, and we note sales of several factors of dairies at 52c.@53c. ₱ lb. The receipts of all grades, during the week as 6,421 packages, which includes 1,800 packages of Maryland Glades, and shows a great deficiency from former years, not being equal to the local consumptive demand, which at a low estimate, would require 1,000 firkins of 100 lbs. each per day. The scarcity of stock in this market and the continued light receipts, together with the positive assertions of short quantities in the Dairy Districts, has induced an investigation of the facts, and from a close estimate of the stock now on this market, which we compute at a total of 14,000 packages, and from reports from the various Dairy Districts, which we believe to be strictly correct, leaving 1c. for allowance for discrepancies, we are forced to the conclusion that there is not an ordinary supply of Butter remaining in City and country adequate to the requirements of our own local and foreign trade, and the estimate of the amount likely of the crop of Butter is always difficu t to make, but in the present case, with the season for old Butter within six weeks of its close, it is comparatively easy to arrive at a close approximation to the actual facts. Southern and California markets for Butter have advanced their rates, and considerable quantities of stock have been taken for those markets. The demand for butter for the Eastern States has been quite active during the week, those markets being now entirely dependent on our own for supplies. The market closes with great firmness, and with a decided upward tendency.**

We quote:

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| Orange—Half-tubs, ₱ lb..... | 55 @60 |
| Sussex—Half-tubs, ₱ lb..... | 55 @60 |
| Half-firkin tubs, State—first quality, ₱ lb..... | 55 @60 |
| Half-firkin tubs, State—second quality, ₱ lb..... | 53 @55 |
| New-York State Dairies—firkins—extra, ₱ lb..... | 53 @55 |
| N. Y. State Dairies—firkins—good to prime, ₱ lb..... | 50 @52 |
| N. Y. State Dairies—Welch tubs—extra, ₱ lb..... | 50 @52 |
| N. Y. S. Dairies—Welch tubs—good to fine, ₱ lb..... | 43 @45 |
| Ordinary State—Welch tubs, ₱ lb..... | 40 @42 |
| Pennsylvania Dairies—firkins—good to fine, ₱ lb..... | 40 @42 |
| Western Reserve—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb..... | 39 @39 |
| Michigan and Indiana—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb..... | 27 @30 |
| Ill. and Wisconsin—firkins—fair to good, ₱ lb..... | 27 @30 |
| Common Western grades..... | 20 @25 |
| Canada Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb..... | 30 @33 |
| Roll Butter—good to fine, ₱ lb..... | 34 @36 |
| Roll Butter—extra, in cloth, ₱ lb..... | 38 @40 |

The market for Cheese is without alteration since our last report, except a hardening of rates, and an advance on the finer grades. The total receipts during the week are 2,365 boxes only, the demand for local and coastwise trade has been fairly active, and the market closes with firmness at our quotations:

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| Factory-made Dairies—prime quality..... | 22 @23 |
| Factory-made Dairies—second quality..... | 21 @22 |
| Farm Dairies—first quality..... | 21 @22 |
| Farm Dairies—second quality..... | 18 @20 |
| Farm Dairies—common quality..... | 15 @18 |
| Orange County—flat skimmed..... | 16 @18 |

SUGARS—Have been in fair request and held with more firmness. Sales since our last 950 hhds., including Cuba, &c., at from 11¼c.@13¼c., and 270 boxes Havana, part at 12¾c.@13¾c. ₱ lb. We quote Fair to Good Grocer's at 11¾c.@12c.; refining at 10½c. @11¾c. ₱ lb. Refining Sugars continue quiet at 14¼c. @17c. ₱ lb.

STEARINE—Sales since our last 82,000 lbs. at 18¼c. @18¾c. ₱ lb.

TALLOW—Sales to-day 104,000 lbs. at 12c.@12¾c., and 27,000 lbs. Grease at 12c.@12¾c. ₱ lb.

WHISKY—Sales to-day 1,550 bbls., in lots, at $2 27@$2 30 ₱ gallon, the lower rate for refilled.

FREIGHTS—Have been very dull to-day. For Liverpool there were taken 950 bales Cotton at ¼d. by sailing vessel, and 7-16d. by steamer, ₱ lb. For other other ports nothing really new.

### The Late Major-Gen. McPherson.

HIS VIEWS REGARDING TRAITORS AND THEIR PUNISHMENT.

*Hours at Home* for March contains an interesting sketch of the late Major-Gen. J. B. MCPHERSON. It embodies extracts from the private correspondence of the lamented General, which gives full proof that his whole heart was enlisted in the conflict in which he which he lost his life. Under date of Fort Alcatras, (San Francisco) May 9, in a letter to his mother, Gen. MCPHERSON, then Lieutenant of Engineers, wrote:

"I am at present living on the island beneath the *Stars and Stripes*, which wave proudly from the flagstaff in the barracks, where I trust they will continue to wave as long as one stone rests upon another. We have everything upon a *war footing*, and if the emergency arises, will endeavor to show that there are enough good, loyal, and true men to rally around our country's standard to uphold, protect, and defend it.

The general sentiment of this State, and especially of San Francisco, is *strong* for the *Union*, so that I do not apprehend any danger. The only thing is, the Secessionists heretofore have been the zealous, active, working party. But the events of the last few days have so completely unmasked their traitorous designs that the Union men are on the alert, ready to *crush out* the first symptom of open rebellion.

I must tell you, my dear mother, that nothing has ever given me more joy than the *unanimity* shown by the entire North, regardless of party or creed, to stand by the Government in upholding the honor and dignity of the nation.

The enthusiasm which actuates the entire people, from Maine to Nebraska, the gathering of armed men, and the liberality with which merchants and bankers are tendering their money in response to the proclamations of the President, have astonished the secessionists in this State, and, if I mistake not, will make the rebel Government of Montgomery, Ala., see the "handwriting on the wall."

However men may have differed in politics, there is but one course now. Since the traitors have initiated hostilities, and threatened to seize the federal capital, give them *blow for blow* and *shot for shot* until they are effectually humbled.

I do not know whether I shall be kept here or ordered East; but one thing *I do know*, (the italics throughout are his own,) and that is, that *I am ready and willing* to go wherever I can be of the most service in upholding the honor of the Government and assisting in crushing out the rebellion; and I have faith to believe that you will see the day when the glorious old flag will wave more triumphantly than ever.

I wish I was at home now to join the Ohio volunteers. I swung my cap more than once on reading the telegraphic message of Gov. DENNISON: 'What Kentucky will not furnish, *Ohio will.*'

I suppose you are in a perfect furore of excitement. Indeed, it cannot be otherwise. And now that the lines are kindled, I hope they will not be permitted to die out until JEFF. DAVIS and his fellow conspirators are in Washington, to be tried for treason, or in the language of old PUTNAM, 'tried, condemned and executed.'"

THE HORRORS OF SALISBURY PRISON.—The trial by military commission of Maj. JOHN H. GEE, formerly the rebel commandant of the Salisbury Prison, was begun at Raleigh, N. C., on Wednesday morning. GEE was commander of the Confederate prison at that place previous to its capture by Gen. STONEMAN, and it is alleged that the prisoners were subjected to the same outrages and indignities which rendered the name of Andersonville so odious.

As many as 10,000 Union prisoners were confined at Salisbury as early as the month of October, 1864; and from that time until their release in March and April, 1865, at least 5,000 of the number died from ill-treatment, and were buried near the town. Before STONEMAN'S forces entered Salisbury, Maj. GEE escaped with the few prisoners left there, most of those who were well escaping on the way, and afterward went to Georgia and gave himself up at Augusta, subsequent to Gen. JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON'S surrender to Gen. SHERMAN. GEE then proceeded to Quincy, Fla., which was his home, and was there arrested in October or November last, on the charge of treating the prisoners under his care with inhumanity and barbarity, and of being guilty of conduct not in accordance with the usages of war.

The witnesses present for the prosecution numbered about thirty persons—Union soldiers who were confined at Salisbury, two war correspondents, also captives there, several rebel officers of the military garrison, and a number of citizens of that town. A number of witnesses are also present for the defence, and more are expected.

The charges and specifications set forth the alleged cruelties. The prisoners in defence maintain that by the terms of capitulation agreed to between Gens. SHERMAN and JOHNSTON, and by the terms of parole granted under those terms to officers and soldiers surrendered under Gen. JOHNSTON, the United States, by its accredited agent, agreed and pledged its faith that these officers and soldiers shall not be molested so long as they comply with the terms of the parole.

The Judge-Advocate on Thursday overruled the plea of the prisoners, on the ground that the parole only covered acts committed in legitimate warfare, and decided that the trial must proceed.

The examination of witnesses commenced on Friday, and will probably continue a couple of weeks.

SPEARING FISH.—They are having rare sport over in Canada, catching fish with spears. It is said that upward of thirty spearing-houses have been erected upon Burlington Bay, and large bands of fish have been made. "The method of catching fish by the spear is very exciting; the house is rendered impervious to the light, and a circular hole of about a yard in diameter is cut in the ice. The house being dark renders the water quite clear, and the fisherman peers to the bottom. A small decoy-fish, made of wood and painted in brilliant colors, is properly weighted and worked in the water by means of a string; around this the fish disport themselves, and the expert spearsman can select the largest, and by a dexterous throw of his spear pierce it with the prongs. Some of the finest fish are caught by this means, as they fearlessly approach the decoy, and appear unaware of the proximity of danger."—*Rochester Express.*

## AMENDING THE CONSTITUTION.

### Federal Power and State Rights.

**Remarks of Robert S. Hale, of New-York, on the Amendment to the Constitution Reported by Mr. Bingham, of the Reconstruction Committee,**

**Feb. 27, 1866.**

Mr. HALE—Mr. Speaker, it is with great hesitation I rise to address the House to-day, for the reason especially that in the brief time allotted for the purpose, I feel that I have been entirely unable to prepare myself as one should be prepared to discuss a subject so important, a subject so serious in its bearing and effect, and one so much requiring cautious and deliberate action on the part of this House, as the one now under consideration. But I feel compelled, though I must do it crudely, imperfectly, to attempt to assign some of the reasons that must control my vote against this proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

It is with great hesitation that I differ from the conclusions of the very able Joint Committee which have reported to the House this proposed amendment. That Committee is composed of gentlemen, many of whom are eminent for their constitutional learning; men whose opinions must always carry weight, not only in the House but in the country. But I am compelled by the reflection that the recommendation of this Committee does not carry with it the same weight, to my mind, that it might if the vail of secrecy that is now thrown over all their proceedings were removed. If we could be favored with the arguments to which that Committee have listened; if we could listen to the sentiments of the individual members expressed in that Committee; if we could know who of that Committee favored this, and who did not; whether all or a part only concurred in reporting this resolution to the House, we might be better able to judge how great weight was to be accorded to the fact that the Committee has recommended the passage of this Joint resolution.

Mr. GRINNELL—Will the gentleman allow me to ask a question?

Mr. HALE—Certainly.

Mr. GRINNELL—I should like to ask my friend from New-York (Mr. HALE) if it has not been the custom from time immemorial for committees to keep their own secrets? otherwise, that their proceedings should be kept to themselves until their report should be made?

Mr. HALE—I should be very happy to favor the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GRINNELL) with my views upon that subject, and various others of a political, literary, theological and scientific character. But as they have nothing to do with the subject under consideration, the gentleman must excuse me.

Mr. GRINNELL—Mr. Speaker—

Mr. HALE—The gentleman must excuse me. I cannot consent to be diverted from the line of my proposed argument.

I can only say that, so far as this House is concerned, we only know the fact that a majority of the Joint Committee on Reconstruction have reported this joint resolution to us with simply that weight and no more. It does not bear with it the accumulated weight of the unanimous voice of that Committee. The gentleman from Iowa (Mr. GRINNELL) entirely misapprehends me if he understands me as complaining; I state merely the fact. I say it comes to us with only the weight of the majority, and not with the united weight of the approval of all the members of that Committee.

But it does seem to me, with the little knowledge that I possess of constitutional law, and with the very brief and hasty examination that I have been enabled to give to this matter, I should have no weight or submit to members of this House to-day ought to bring us to pass this amendment without at least a most careful and scrutinizing examination. It does seem to me that the tenor and effect of the amendment proposed here by this Committee is to bring about a more radical change in the system of this Government, to institute a wider departure from the theory upon which our fathers formed it than ever before was proposed in any legislative or constitutional assembly. Listening to the remarks of the distinguished member of the Committee, (Mr. BINGHAM,) who reported this joint resolution to the House, one would be led to think that this amendment was a subject of the most trivial consequence. He tells us, and tells us with an air of gravity that I could not but admire, that the words of the resolution are all in the Constitution as it stands, with the single exception of the power given to Congress to legislate. A very important exception, it strikes me, but one upon which the gentleman seems to attach very little weight.

My friend

way with the Government, or else they have a capital knowledge of cards. Monté is the favorite.

Five Roman Catholic churches, and one Protestant, minus its roof, comprise the places of worship. Two weekly newspapers, printed half in English and half in Spanish, do the necessary wrangling, with a circulation of from four to five hundred each.

GEN. CARLETON has command of the district. He is a gentleman, quiet and capable, with more friends than enemies, and very generally admire'.

The hotels, or *fondas*, are tolerably kept, and quite comfortable. Board may be had at three and four dollars per diem.

We arrived on Sunday morning, and went, after the very necessary ablution to remove travel stain, to the cathedral. The edifice is built of adobe or mammoth brick, made of mud, straw and gravel, then sun-dried; the roof being also of mud and timber. The ornamentation of the interior is rude and complicated—the paintings wretched, but of very brilliant color. The seats or pews make worship convenient; each person must bring a seat or take the floor, which the majority do. The congregation was composed almost entirely of Mexicans, the females being largely in the majority. Our gentle American ladies would scarcely go there to study bonnets, for they are almost unknown—the shawl doing duty in their place.

The male population wear the sombrero and the inevitable blanket or serapé. They seem to be such a "let-me-alone" sort of costumes that one readily agrees to do so.

The next eve we went to a "Baile." That's the polite for fandango. The house in which the baile was held was distinguishable by a dimly-lit lantern that burned in front. Entering, we found a room of eighteen feet in width and forty in length; at one end of which, mounted on a dry-goods box, sat three musicians—violin, clarionet, and a many-stringed guitar.

At the other end of the room was an arrangement that seemed a cross between an apple-stand bar and candy-shop, while on benches ranged along the wall sat the dark damsels that were willing partners for any one. Being assured that no introduction was necessary, we sailed in and secured a partner. The General chose the female of the very grandest proportions in the room. This was fortunate for him, as he was made to do the figures *solens volens*. We were not so fortunate, and got left several times standing alone, while the many went on without us. The set completed each gent takes the lady to the before-mentioned variety-store at the end of the room, and she proceeds to load in cakes, candy and apples; also, a glass of wine. This is done after each dance, and it is thus that the proprietor or giver of the baile is remunerated.

It is quite surprising to see the amount of stock the young woman can consume. This accomplished, she proceeds to fill her handkerchief (not a small one either); then her pockets. After this she gets some one to hold the apples, cakes, &c., and goes home with about as much of a load as she can carry.

The sympathies of the people are with JUAREZ, and all manner of rumor is rife with regard to his movement and that of the French.

The last authentic intelligence from El Paso are of the 26th of January. They give the information that three hundred French cavalry left Chihuahua to attack the Mexicans in force at Conception. The Mexicans retreated; the advance of the retreating column being expected to reach Paso del Norte to-morrow. It is generally believed that the French will cross to the American side of the river as soon as the French troops press him.

Business in Santa Fe is extremely dull. The merchants say that it is occasioned by the fact that the Government has not made the usual purchases of corn. Money is very scarce and difficult to obtain on the best of security. Then it can be had for four or five per cent. a month. CHOQUIS.

## FROM THE WEST.

### Protection—Transportation.

*Correspondence of the New-York Times.*

CHICAGO, Monday, Feb. 26.

PROTECTION.

An immense meeting was held on Wednesday evening by the friends of protection to home industry. It was a meeting of the masses, who came together to consider the grave questions which have recently been forced upon the attention of the public by the formation of Free-Trade Leagues. Some excellent speeches were made, and the resolutions adopted were of the right character.

The people of the West are every day becoming more aroused to the importance of varying their industry, and to the unprofitableness of confining themselves too exclusively to agriculture. The extortionate charges for transportation are bringing about a revolution in their ideas upon this point. There is no reason in the world why the West should not largely engage in manufactures. Capitalists are being convinced of this, and new branches are constantly being opened—as yet, however, on a somewhat limited scale. Our great want is cotton and woolen mills, and these we shall have before many years have elapsed. The present rates of duty upon foreign goods afford a most favorable opportunity for capitalists to embark in manufactures, and it will be largely embraced.

TRANSPORTATION.

The agitation of the subject of railroad transportation still continues in all parts of the West. Large public meetings are being held at various points, and all breathe the same spirit—a determination, if possible, to secure some other and cheaper means of transportation than is now offered by the railroads. I have already noticed the proposition to secure ship navigation from the Mississippi to Lake Michigan, by means of the Rock River, Lake Winnebago, &c. This enterprise seems to be pressed with unusual vigor, and its projectors are sanguine of success. This would give an outlet for a large and productive section of country, and take much trade away from the railroads and from Chicago. It is evident that Chicago has got to do something to propitiate the country west of us. With the extortionate railroad and storage charges, the producers of grain have begun to consider themselves unmercifully fleeced, and do not propose to stand it any longer than they can possibly help. They are, therefore, devising ways and means to avoid Chicago in seeking a market. Our business men begin to appreciate the situation, and to see the necessity of doing something to prevent the threatened diversion of trade. To do this, we shall, as a first step, be compelled to abolish our warehouse monopolies and the dishonest system of grain inspection which is practiced here. The railroads will doubtless reduce their enormous charges as soon as competition presents itself.

VARIOUS MATTERS.

The extreme cold weather, of which I wrote last week, has departed, and it is more Springlike now. It will only require a few days of warm weather to remove the ice from the harbors on Lake Michigan.... KENNEDY, who was convicted of being one of the murderers of MAHONEY, near this city, has confessed his guilt. He is to be hung on the 2d of March—being the third one hung for this murder.....Another queer trial took place at Geneva, Kane County, last week, in which a whole neighborhood got involved. It was that of HARTZUNFT vs. YUNDT. The former sued the latter for seduction of his wife. The wife died some time ago, and the husband had been in California. Nearly all the men of the neighborhood were implicated, but the Jury gave the plaintiff $5,000 damages.....JOHN B. GOUGH is still lecturing here, Miss ANNA DICKINSON also gave one lecture last week. FRED. DOUGLASS is to speak on Wednesday evening on "Assassination and its Lessons." Our great tunnel is now more than a mile out under the lake. The Common Council last week voted the contractors an additional compensation of 60 per cent. on the original amount, or $189,000, after the Board of Public Works had reported that they would make good profits at the contract price. It is expected that the work will be completed, and that we shall be receiving our supply of water from the new source by the first of November next. The University of Chicago, under the able direction of President BURNHAM, still continues to prosper, having over 200 students on its register. Trade continues dull, without much prospect of improvement. The country is not buying goods as it has done in years past, when money was lavished and all kinds of produce selling at heavy prices. Money is easier than it has been, on account of the closing up of the packing season. Our banks have to carry over a large amount both in grain and provisions.

A WOMAN WANTS A DIVORCE AFTER HER HUSBAND'S DEATH.—The Supreme Court of Tennessee has decided an interesting case. Mrs. SWAN had filed a bill for divorce and alimony, which bill had been answered by J. M. SWAN, defendant, who also filed a cross bill. Owing to the Chancellor's ill health the matter was referred to three prominent members of the bar. Two of these gentlemen had, after hearing the case, made up their minds as to the divorce, and determined to grant it, but had not considered the question of alimony, when defendant, SWAN died. Some time afterwards complainant filed the present bill to revive her former bill, and praying that the former opinion of the two members of the *special court might be entered as the decree of the court nunc pro tunc.* This was dismissed by the Chancellor. Hence appeal. The Supreme Court refused to allow the bill to be entered, and decided that, on the death of either party to a bill for divorce or alimony, the case abates, and cannot be renewed; that the cause of action is gone.

SANDY COTTON.—Five bales of cotton were opened on the premises of the Suffolk Manufacturing Company in this city yesterday, the bales containing *one hundred and eighty-seven pounds of sand.* Each bale had a bag of sand in the centre, extending near to the end. Two of them had two bags in each one. There were 216 pounds of sand in one bale. The amount found in the five bales, at 47 cents per pound, the said cost $483 90—a high price for that commodity. The sand must have been put in when baled on the Mississippi, before being packed.—*Lowell Bee.*

## LAW REPORTS.

### Court Calendar—THIS DAY.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT.—Parts I. and II. adjourned for the term. *Part III.*—Held by Justice FOSTER, at No. 73 Duane-street.—Nos. 698, 158, 832, 678, 680, 421, 544, 980, 619, 981, 938, 969, 860, 672, 922, 742, 746, 812, 978, 998.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS.—Held by Justice INGRAHAM.—Nos. 72, 77, 82, 95, 113, 128, 135, 140, 148, 151, 157.

SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERMS.—Adjourned for the month.

COMMON PLEAS—JURY TRIALS.—Adjourned for the term. The General Term of this Court is still in session.

### United States Supreme Court—TUESDAY, FEB. 27.

No. 124. *Bell and Grant, Appellants, vs. The Ohio Life Insurance and Trust Company et al.*—The argument of this cause was concluded by Mr. Stanbery for the appellants.

No. 126. *Grinnell, Minturn & Co. et al., Appellants, vs. The United States.*—Appeal from the District Court of the United States for the Southern District of New-York. The decree of the said District Court in this cause affirmed.

No. 161. *John McGuire, Plaintiff in Error, vs. The Commonwealth.*—The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Cushing for the plaintiff in error. This is in the Massachusetts liquor case.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 28.

On motion of Hon. Chester J. Reed, Hon. John A. Andrew, of Massachusetts, was admitted an Attorney and Counsellor of this Court.

No. 161. *John McGuire, Plaintiff in Error, vs. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*—The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. Cushing for the plaintiff in error, by Mr. Reed for the defendant, and concluded by Mr. Richardson for the plaintiff in error.

Adjourned until to-morrow, at 11 o'clock.

### UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.

**Constitutionality of the Prohibitory Liquor Laws of Massachusetts — Scope and Effect of a License to Sell Liquors Under the United States Internal Revenue Laws—The Federal Tax on Business and Occupations — Does it Legalize Traffic Rendered Unlawful by State Legislation?—Gen. Cushing on the Use of Liquors and Popular Reforms.**

*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Defendant in Error, vs. John McGuire, Plaintiff in Error.*—This case has been once or twice stated in the TIMES, as respects the facts. It was now reached for argument on the grave questions of law involved. The Superior Court of the State of Massachusetts ruled that McGuire's license to carry on the business or occupation of wholesale dealer in liquors, granted him under the act of Congress to provide Internal Revenue, gave him no authority to sell intoxicating liquors in violation of the laws of that State. Upon that ruling the accused was convicted on an indictment for the keeping of liquor for sale, and sentenced to pay a fine of $100 and to stand committed until the same was paid, or in default thereof to be imprisoned in the common jail of Middlesex County for the term of two months. The case was brought to this Court for review, the plaintiff in error making substantially the following points:

*First*—A license, as that word is used in acts of Congress, is authorization to do the thing licensed, and if the license be within the constitutional power of the licensor—if granted by a person having the power to grant—then the licence transfers to the licensee, or grantee, the lawful right and full power to do whatsoever the license purports to authorize. In other words, in the language of this Court, the license transfers to the licensee all the right which the grantor can have to do that which is comprehended in the terms of the license. Where such a license is granted by the United States, in the exercise of any constitutional powers of the Federal Government, nothing can be added to or substracted therefrom by the authority of any one of the United States; the Federal power in such case is paramount, absolute, comprehensive, exclusive and conclusive, as against a State.

*Second*—The license relied on in the present case is in the express terms of the act under which it was granted, viz.: the act of July 1, 1862, entitled "An act to provide additional revenue to support the Government and to pay interest on the public debt"—declared to be authorization. In expressly enacting that the license shall not authorize any spirits to be drunk on the premises, it also expressly enacts, in effect, that the license does authorize sale for any other purpose than that of drinking on the premises.

*Third*—The plaintiff in error was not indicted for or charged with selling to be drunk on the premises, but only for doing the very precise thing which the license expressly authorizes and empowers him to do, viz.: Keeping for sale and selling intoxicating liquors. Hence the plaintiff in error is not justified in the sale by his license, and the attempt of the State of Massachusetts to punish him for doing that which the license expressly empowered him to do, was the plain nullification of an act of Congress, and a flagrant invasion and violation of the paramount authority of the United States.

*Fourth*—This license, under the Internal Revenue Act, is not a mere tax, but an authority, sold by the United States, and purchased by the licensee for a sum of money, in virtue of which the United States contract with the licensee that he shall have power to do the thing licensed, without which, the license and the money received for it, would be an act of imposture, fraud and robbery, by the United States.

*Fifth*—Thus far the demonstration seems to be conclusive, unless there be something to be said in derogation or qualification of the proposition advanced; and here it is advanced that the following provision restricts the meaning of the act: "And be it further enacted that no license hereinbefore provided for, if granted, shall be construed to authorize the commencement or continuation of any trade, business, occupation or employment therein mentioned, within any State or Territory of the United States in which it shall be specially prohibited by the laws thereof, or in violation of the laws of any State or Territory."

But this provision cannot avail the State for the following reasons: 1st, According to received rules of statute construction, this clause must be held subordinate to the before cited clause, and, if inconsistent, yields to it: 2d, According to the same rules of construction, in so far as legislative intention can be distinguished from apparent legal effect, if there be any such distinction, then it could not have been the intention of Congress to bestow on the separate States any such control over the power of the General Government. It would be the effect in the eleven States lately in rebellion of attributing to this clause the supposed prerogative power. In view of their impoverishment by the war, and of hostile emotions remaining among them, most of them would not accept the invitation thus tendered to them to sell, if the State legislation, all sources of license revenue intended "to pay interest on the public debt of the United States?"

But if the legal effect and statutory intention of this provision be such as the State maintains, then the provision is null and void, for cause of conflict with the spirit as well as the letter of that clause of the constitution which declares that "all duties, imposts, and excises, shall be *uniform* throughout the United States;" for that it would otherwise permit any State or States to throw off their taxes by like legislation.

*Sixth*—The laws of Massachusetts which are set up here to override the license held by the defendant, are in violation of the foreign commerce power of the United States, prohibiting, as they do, absolutely.

*Seventh*—These laws of Massachusetts are in violation of domestic or inter-State commerce, which power is not less complete or integral in terms than foreign commerce power.

*Eighth*—The laws of Massachusetts, *in hoc materia*, are in violation of the tax power of the United States. They declare to be outlawed, and seize and destroy as such, distilled spirits, fermented liquors, and wines, whether foreign or domestic, subject to the excise laws of the United States, as well as its foreign import duties, and so, in effect, extinguish together the taxed article and the tax power of the United States.

*Ninth*—The laws of Massachusetts violate that provision of the Constitution which declares that "no State shall make any law impairing the obligations of contracts." They deprive the articles of trade herein mentioned of all the qualities of property, and thus extinguish the subject matter of contracts and contracts themselves.

*Tenth*—If the liquor laws of Massachusetts are valid, then the United States has collected millions of revenue of the people that State in violation of law, and should be held to refund the same, as having taken it from the citizen without right.

*Eleventh*—This legislation of Massachusetts cannot be maintained here by any tenable theory of the nature of that undefined, mysterious and mythical creature, the so-called police power of the States.

*Twelfth*—No aid of construction, to turn the balance of a doubtful question, can be derived from the quality of the laws of Massachusetts, *in hoc materia*, in the relation of morality, expediency, or the public good.

1. It is not true, as alleged, that wines, fermented liquors, or even distilled spirits, are poisons of themselves, any otherwise than that everything we eat or drink may be deleterious if used in excess.

2. In view of the example and injunctions of our Saviour and his Apostles, in this respect, it cannot be true that the use of wine is immoral in itself.

3. It is not true, as intended, that it is our duty to abstain utterly from any object of health or enjoyment because others may abuse it. The effect of this doctrine would be to deprive us of everything desirable, even the dearest of all human relations; since nothing exists for the use of man which some men will not abuse.

4. It avails nothing to make war on the sale of distilled spirits; for spirits may be distilled in every man's kitchen by means as cheap, as accessible, and as manageable as the preparation of a cup of tea or coffee; and if it were not so, other anæsthetic agents exist, which the law cannot reach, such as opium and bang, the familiar means of intoxication used by more than half of the human race, to say nothing of the professed anæsthetic medicaments.

5. The universal prevalence of the use of one or another object of this nature, in all ages, all countries, and all stages of society, serves to show that they satisfy a physical exigency of man's organization, as imperative as that of food, and of course laws cannot eradicate, although they may regulate, such use.

6. If the use and the sale for the use, be immoral, then Massachusetts, which is officially the largest seller of intoxicating drinks in the State, is the most immoral *person* in the State.

7. The professing, by the State, of sale of distilled spirits and wines to be drunk as medicine, is disingenuous; for it is notorious to all men that, as to most of the pretended sale for medicine, the actual sale is for beverage.

8. It revolts the sense of mankind to undertake to prohibit absolutely by law the use of wines, fermented liquors and distilled spirits as a healthful beverage in moderation of use; and the effect of such law, if rigidly enforced, would only be to introduce, by the side of its despotic drunkenness, the worse one of universal hypocrisy and false profession.

9. It confounds all distinction of right and wrong, in the acts of interested men, and in the conscience of the less interested, to seek to elevate the use of wine to the dignity of an illegal and immoral thing, for the suppression of which all the energies of society should be unceasingly exerted.

10. The evils of intemperance in the use of intoxicating drinks are deplorable, no, indeed, is all intemperance, by adding that of professed reformers of all the ills of society at a dash,) but these evils are more often of fact than cause; and so long as they are treated errors chiefly as universal cases, no true progress can be made in the improvement of society in this respect.

11. All such vehement efforts of reform in a false direction inevitably produce reaction, and a state of things worse than that which existed before the agitation.

12. The so-called temperance agitation has affected no abatement, in the whole, of the use or abuse of intoxicating drinks.

13. Hence no considerations of public morality, expediency or policy come in aid of construction of the apparently unconstitutional laws of the State of Massachusetts.

14. If it were otherwise, if the hypothesis of the State of Massachusetts as to the immorality of the sale and use of distilled spirits, fermented liquors and wines, be well founded, then we must admit that the United States internal and external revenue system is permeated with immorality, and that the payment of the interest of the debt is secured by flagitious means, namely, the authorization of trades and employments, and of the manufacture, importation, sale and use of articles of merchandise, which are *contra bones mores*.

15. And, if that be so, the remedy does not lie with Massachusetts alone, either in the nullification laws enacted by her, or in attempts to repeal anti-nullification acts of Congress, never more needed for the protection of persons and things liable to be injuriously affected by State laws than now, in this transition of the Union from war to peace, and in the unsettled Federal condition of so many of the States.

The State contends—

*First*—Congress has not undertaken by the act in question to authorize in any State the pursuit of any business or occupation which is prohibited by the statutes of the State. The act expressly declares the contrary. The effect of the statute in question is to make any of the enumerated occupations carried on without a license a violation of the statute; if the occupation was carried on in violat on of the State law before this statute, it could not afterward be continued without violating the law of the State and also this statute of the United States. It is as if the statute had said: "The United States gives you no authority to violate the laws of your State; but if you do, the United States will not interfere, provided you procure a license by payment of the prescribed fee or tax; but if you do not do this, beside leaving you liable to the penalty prescribed by the State laws, you shall also be liable to the penalty affixed to a violation of this statute of the United States. The only effect of the license given you is to prevent your prosecution by the United States under this statute." This is the only construction of the act that will cause no conflict or jurisdiction between the State and the Federal Government. This construction gives effect to every word of the act of Congress. Nothing is stricken from it—nothing explained away. The license is not inoperative. By payment of the fee, or excise, or tax for which he received it, he acquired the right of selling as an importer imported liquors, and of selling such other liquors and in such manner as the Massachusetts statute does not prohibit. Except for the license he would be liable under the act of Congress, for all these sales. This construction is obviously in accordance with the intention of Congress.

*Second*—There was no error in the State Court; because if, by the act of Congress in question, authority is given to persons residents in Massachusetts to sell liquors in that State, in violation of the State statutes, (the statutes in question,) the act of Congress, to that extent, is unconstitutional and void.

This act being in virtue of, and in exercise of the taxing power; there being no provision of the Constitution expressly giving authority to Congress to license any business or occupation within the several States, the power to license must be under the law, and merely the methods and instrumentalities of taxation, and having no effect which the payment of a specific annual tax upon an occupation would not have; it remains to be seen if, under the above constitutional provision, Congress has the power, either directly or indirectly, to authorize the exercise in any State of the exercise in that State any particular occupation or calling. Of course, if Congress does possess this power, it is immaterial whether the particular calling may be allowed or prohibited by the State laws.

Such power has never been claimed by the Federal Government, nor any power like it, based upon constitutional law; nor does a thorough examination of the legislation of the Federal Government show that any such power has ever been exercised. But, on the contrary, it has heretofore uniformly acknowledged that, while Congress has the power to tax, in one way or another, all property and all occupations carried on in the United States, the several States have, with certain limitations, a concurrent power to tax the property and business in the several States, and have the sole power of regulating their own internal affairs, by prescribing what callings may be pursued, and upon what terms, without the interference of the National Government.

It is well settled by authority that a State may regulate and restrain the internal traffic of its citizens, may decide for itself what occupations may be exercised, and upon what terms, within its own limits, and is its own exclusive judge of what shall be done for the protection of the health and the morals of its citizens, except in so far as a State is expressly prohibited by the constitution. At the time of the establishment of the Federal Government, the States were independent sovereignties, possessing all these powers, and unless they have surrendered them, they are still retained.

If this be not so, if the General Government does possess the power claimed for it by the defendant, (plaintiff in error,) what is there left of State legislation—what left of the State Government? If sales of liquor may be authorized, sales of other personal property may be forbidden; if the sale of personal property may be regulated, transfers of real estate may also be controlled. If the sale of liquor may be declared no crime, the keeping of houses of prostitution may be also made legal; and if these things may be done, there is no statute, whether civil or criminal, of any State, which may not be purged by the National Government. Nay, if from a mere exercise of the taxing power this consequence flows, the statutes of the several States are already to a great extent repealed, and the mischief is already accomplished without the knowledge of the people. Under the internal revenue legislation it, the taxing of income derived from it legalizes it, and the State has no business to interfere. The brothel-keeper and the thief may each show a receipt for his taxe upon the income of his business and claim protection under it. It was a most fortunate circumstance for the country, that this feature of this Internal Revenue Law did not lay a specific tax on slaves; if they had, Slavery would have been established or reëstablished in every State of the Union. But all this is impossible. The State Governments and the National Government have not been reminiscent of the three-quarters of a century upon any such mistaken view of their several powers. The States are sovereign in their own affairs; the fathers and framers and expounders of the Constitution have not been guilty of such gross blunders; the eminent judges and able statesmen, living and dead, have not shown such ignorance of the first principles of constitutional law as the theory here advanced attributes to them.

Caleb Cushing and Nathaniel Richardson for defendant (plaintiff in error); Chester J. Reed, Attorney-General of Massachusetts, for the State.

### The Nolte Extradition Case.

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE.

Before Commissioner NEWTON.

The case of Carl Nolte, an alleged forger and defaulter, was again before Commissioner NEWTON yesterday. The extradition of Nolte is claimed by the Prussian authorities; but the Sheriff of this county, having arrested Nolte on another process, refuses to hand him over to the United States authorities.

The following is Marshal Murray's return to the warrant for the arrest of Nolte;

I certify, as a return to the annexed warrant, directed and delivered to me, that I have served a copy thereof on John Kelly, Esq., Sheriff of the City and County of New-York, and demanded the production of the defendant, Carl Nolte, before Charles W. Newton, United States Commissioner, this day, at 12 o'clock M.; that the said Sheriff positively declines to allow the said Carl Nolte to be taken out of his custody by the order of the United States Commissioner, claiming the defendant before the warrant of the United States Commissioner was issued; he was held under civil processes amounting to $41,000, issued by the same parties as make the complaint, through the Consul of Prussia, in the extradition warrant; that the Sheriff expresses his willingness, if the civil suits are discontinued, to deliver him into the custody of the United States Marshal.

ROBERT MURRAY, U. S. Marshal.

Dated MARCH 1, 1866.

Mr. Lapaugh argued that a warrant issued by the United States authorities was superior to all others, and exhibited a special mandate from President Johnson for the arrest of the accused.

After some discussion Commissioner Newton postponed the case until April 1, and instructed the Marshal that the warrant must be executed in the interim.

### Important to Builders and Real Estate Owners.

SUPREME COURT—CIRCUIT—PART III.—MARCH 1.

Before Justice FOSTER and a Jury.

*Valentine Fink vs. Frank Lyons, Simon Donau, Joseph Stern, Philip Stern and Solomon Nordlinger.*—This action is brought to recover the sum of $10,000 damages, alleged to have been sustained by the plaintiff under the following circumstances: The plaintiff, Fink, is the owner of the lot and three-story brick building erected thereon, known as No. 97 Seventh-avenue. The defendants Simon Donau, Joseph and Philip Stern, and Solomon Nordlinger, in November, 1864, composed the firm of Donau, Stern & Co., distillers, doing business at No. 99 Seventh-avenue, adjoining the plaintiff's house. From the pleadings we learn that the firm above mentioned were the lessees of the building No. 89, in possession thereof; that the defendant, Frank Lyons, was a builder, employed by the firm to construct the building; No. 89, for the purpose of a distillery. In doing so the plaintiff claims that the rear wall of his building was very greatly injured; that the builder Lyons, under the direction of the firm, took away large quantities of brick and mortar belonging to plaintiff's wall, particularly the rear one, which they nearly destroyed; that in consequence of these acts, plaintiff's house, in some portions thereof, had become unhabitable; that a fire had been destroyed, and heavy metals and other improper substances were placed against his wall, thereby causing them to separate and render his building an unsafe, untenantable and dangerous one. The plaintiff concludes his complaint by claiming damages to the amount of $10,000.

The defendants appeared by separate attorneys and counsel. The answer of the builder, Lyons, is a general denial. The firm of Donau, Stern & Co. answer first by a general denial, and then say that they had no title or interest in the property or lease.

During the trial yesterday, the presiding Justice said that in that Court hereafter the rule must be enforced, that one counsel on a side be allowed to examine and cross-examine a witness. This decision for a short time created considerable feeling, for the builder appeared by one lawyer and the firm by another. The two counsel consulted for a time, but they were unable to consolidate their operations as to the questioning of witnesses. The trial was then continued under the strict rule of the Court. The case will be resumed this morning at 10 o'clock?

For plaintiff, H. Reavy, Esq.; for the defendant Lyons, Mr. G. Pilling; for the firm of Donau, Stern & Co., Mr. A. J. Dittenhoefer.

### Decisions.

SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—MARCH 1.

By Justice Ingraham.

Abraham Hoffman vs. Wm. Grove et al., and Julius Pascoe vs. The Same; allowance of $4,000 granted to plaintiff's attorney, and $1,600 to Barnove's attorney.

By Justice Ingraham.

Mitchell vs. Beach; order settled. Alfred Levy vs. S. B. Van Dyke, &c.; motion denied, with leave to renew with papers on payment of costs. Wm. J. Behan vs. Mary E. Behan; reference ordered to inquire as to a proper sum for counsel fee and alimony. Anna A. Laughlin vs. Isaac Hollway; motion denied with $10 costs. John D. Buckhout vs. Francis I. Walker et al.; motion granted and referee ordered. In re. the application of George P. Brown vs. James D. Stevenson, &c.; referred to referee to inquire and report whether anything, and how much, is due for costs, &c. Albert M. Palmer vs. John M. Hedges; motion granted on defendant filing the usual stipulations. Jno. Menghius et al. vs. G. F. Schmidt, jr.; motion denied. Francis T. Walker vs. Security Petroleum Company; order granted. O. W. Mayhew vs. Jno. Kelly and others; motion denied. Charles Cass vs. Mount Vernon Gas-light Company; motion granted.

SUPERIOR COURT—SPECIAL TERM—MARCH 1.

By Justice Garvin.

Henry K. Sheldon vs. the Empire City Fire Insurance Company. John Clark vs. the New-Jersey Steam Navigation Company. Charles Webb vs. Wallace P. Groom; Herman H. Bunger et al. vs. Wallace P. Groom; motion granted. Henry Schief vs. Calvin C. Knox; motion extending time granted. Christian Brand vs. Hiram Focht. Edward Lupton vs. James C. Jewett (two cases.) M. B. da Costa Lena Viuna vs. Benj. Wenberg; motions granted. Chas. Burrill vs. James C. Jewett; motion for commission granted.

COMMON PLEAS—SPECIAL TERM.

By Judge Cardozo.

Henry J. Tanner and Peter Moelke vs. Wm. Split; N. Jarvis, Jr., may be appointed receiver, without security. Bromer vs. McGan; motion granted.


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**Amusements this Evening.**

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.
14th-st., corner of Irving-place.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 8 o'clock, Italian Opera. LA FAVORITA. A complete cast, including Senorita Carmelina Poch, E. Irfre, Bellini, Antonucci and Mlle. Fichet. Conductor, Sig. Torriani.

WINTER GARDEN.
Broadway, between Bleecker and Amity sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, RICHELIEU; OR, THE CONSPIRACY. Characters by Messrs. Charles Barron, J. H. Taylor, John Dyott, W. Donaldson, Kemble Mason, Andrews, Bland, Miss E. Johnson, Mrs. Wilkins, &c., in the cast.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7¾ o'clock, FANCHON, THE CRICKET. Characters by Messrs. J. G. Burnett, J. W. Collier, George Becks, E. B. Holmes, Misses Maggie Mitchell, Mary Wells, Farren, Maeder, Burke, H. Chapman, Everett.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE OLD ENGLISH GENTLEMAN and AMERICANS IN PARIS. Characters by Messrs. Charles Fisher, T. B. Ringgold, Young, Pope, Wilson, Miss Ione Burke, Mrs. John Sefton, Miss F. Green and Miss Mary Barrett.

NEW BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Canal and Hester sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, LADY OF LYONS. SKETCHES IN INDIA and THE GAME COCK OF THE WILDERNESS.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock. CINDERELLA, E LA COMARE; OR, the LOVER, THE LACKEY, AND LITTLE GLASS SLIPPER, and USED UP.

LUCY RUSHTON'S NEW-YORK THEATRE,
Nos. 728 and 730 Broadway.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, GIRALDA and THE KING'S GARDENER. Characters by the Company.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, UNCLE SOLON SHINGLE and LIVE INDIAN. Characters by Messrs. John E. Owens, W. C. Forbes, J. W. Albaugh, F. J. Evans, H. L. Hinton, W. H. Hamblin, H. Jordan; Mrs. A. Hind, Miss Saidee Cole.

WOOD'S THEATRE,
Broadway, opposite St. Nicholas Hotel.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, ATONEMENT; OR, THE CHILD STEALER. Characters by Messrs. Barton Hill, G. C. Davenport, Miss Lucille Western, Miss H. Osborne, Mrs. E. Wright, Miss A. Seidler.

FOX'S OLD BOWERY THEATRE.
Bowery, between Bayard and Canal sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, JACK and GILL WENT UP THE HILL, and a Favorite Farce. Characters by Messrs. G. L. Fox, C. K. Fox, Master Timothy and Mlle. Martinetti.

BARNUM'S NEW MUSEUM.
Broadway, between Spring and Prince sts.
THIS AFTERNOON at 2. EVENING at 7½ o'clock, MOSES; OR, ISRAEL IN EGYPT. MAGNIFICENT SCENERY, COSTUMES, &c. 100,000 CURIOSITIES.

NEW-YORK CIRCUS AND HIPPOTHEATRON.
14th-st., opposite the Academy of Music.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 8 o'clock, THE SPRITE OF THE SILVER SHOWER, WITH THE ARRAY OF LOVELY CHILDREN.

BRYANT'S MINSTRELS.
Broadway, between Grand and Broome sts.
THIS EVENING, March 2, commencing at 7½ o'clock, VULCAN AT THE FORGE; POLLY ANN; THE DEAD DUCKS, and THE CHALLENGE DANCE. Characters by Dan Bryant, Little Alex, Rollin Howard, Neiss Seymour, Dave Reed, Neil Bryant, &c.

SOMERVILLE ART GALLERY,
No. 845 Broadway.
THIS DAY AND EVENING, March 2—Exhibition of GEORGE H. HALL'S PICTURES, FIGURE, FRUIT AND FLOWER SUBJECTS.

DUSSELDORF GALLERY,
No. 548 Broadway.
THIS DAY AND EVENING, March 2—Exhibition of Church's celebrated picture, "TWILIGHT IN THE TROPICS," and 200 other Paintings.


## NEWS OF THE DAY.

### FROM EUROPE.

The steamship *Asia*, from Liverpool, arrived at Halifax yesterday morning. Her dates are four days later than those received by the *Hermann*. The steamship *Edinburg* also arrived yesterday. The Fenian excitement in Ireland was on the increase. The royal assent had been given to the bill suspending the writ of *habeas corpus* in Ireland. Upward of one hundred arrests were made in Dublin on the 17th inst., principally strangers—among others Col. JOHN WILLIAM BYRON, of the Federal Army. Many more arrests were expected to take place. The passage of the bill suspending the writ of *habeas corpus* was owing to a report, known here to be a hoax, of the departure of Fenian privateers for this country. It was reported that the Emperor of Austria had expressed a willingness to furnish to the Emperor MAXIMILIAN any troops that he might require, on condition that they were incorporated into the Mexican army and their expenses paid. Diplomatic relations had entirely ceased between Russia and the Papal Court.

### CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday Mr. WILSON reported a resolution for the disbandonment of the militia of the rebel States and to prevent their reorganization. Mr. BROWN called up the bill granting land for a railroad from Springfield, Mo., to the Pacific coast. The line of this road being through the Indian Territory, this point was briefly debated, and the subject deferred until to-day for further consideration. Mr. SHERMAN reported the House Bill to amend the act to prevent the importation of cattle. It provides that the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power to limit and annul the prohibitions and provisions of the original bill, wherein his judgment circumstances and the interests of the country so authorize. The bill was passed, and awaits only the signature of the President to become a law. The House Concurrent Resolution being next in order, Mr. STEWART took the floor in continuation of his speech of the previous day. Mr. STEWART was followed by Mr. JOHNSON, who also opposed the measure.

In the House, Mr. COFFROTH offered a resolution of inquiry as to the expediency of compensating the citizens of Chambersburgh, Penn., for their losses incurred during the rebel raid. Adopted. Mr. PRICE reported a substitute for the House bill to construct a railroad from Portland, Oregon, to the Central Pacific Railroad. Mr. KETCHUM offered a resolution of inquiry into the expediency of reducing the duty on paper. Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, reported several amendments to the Senate bill to protect all persons in their civil rights. The measure was debated by Messrs. WILSON, of Iowa, ROGERS and COOK. At Mr. RAYMOND'S request a bill bearing on the same subject, and previously submitted by him, was read, and he notified the House that at the proper time he should offer the same as a substitute for the one before them. The Miscellaneous Appropriation Bill was next taken up, and an amendment providing that no monies should be expended in violation of the act prescribing an oath of office, adopted; also, an amendment striking out an item of $40,080 for sums advanced by BRIGHAM YOUNG to Indians.

### STATE LEGISLATURE.

In the Senate, yesterday, a bill was passed to extend the term of office of the Justice of the Eighth District of New-York; also, a bill against authorizing the Citizens' Gas-light Company of Brooklyn to increase its capital to $1,000,000; also, a bill incorporating the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals; also, a bill ceding to the United States jurisdiction over certain lands under water in the Lower Bay of New-York; also, a bill to continue improvements of the navigation of the Hudson River; also, exempting the real estate of the National Academy of Design from taxation; also a bill to provide for two additional Surrogates in New-York, and extend their jurisdiction; also for the relief of Common Schools in Brooklyn. Resolutions were offered by Mr. LOW supporting the action of Congress and declaring it to be the right and duty of that body to determine the conditions on which the rebel States shall be readmitted to the Union.

In the Assembly the bill confirming titles of aliens to real estate was ordered to a third reading.

### GENERAL NEWS.

Advices from Havana to the 24th inst. report the increase of the cholera. It still continues at Guadeloupe, and was extending at Havana and Regla. The stories about the importation of kidnapped negroes from the Southern States are denied, and both the authorities and planters express no sympathy for such a criminal proceeding, and declare that any negroes so landed on the island would be immediately returned through the Consular agents. Even in those cases where Southern refugees have arrived, accompanied by so-called slaves, the Consul-General, on application, has set them at liberty and sent them back. In Sierra Morena a cattle disease had broken out, and was proving very fatal.

The heavy rains of last week caused a very rapid rise in the upper Connecticut Valley. Below Windsor, Vt., the damming of the water by an accumulation of ice resulted in the destruction of the public bridge at that place, and the railroad bridge was much damaged. Quite an amount of stock was lost, one flock of three hundred sheep having been drowned.

By the way of Havana, later news from Mexico is received. The accounts are from Imperialist sources, and represent continued successes by the forces of the Emperor. Grants had been granted for telegraph lines, a canal from Chalco to the City of Mexico, and a horse-car railroad at Puebla.

A contest is going on in Vicksburgh, Miss., through the newspapers, between Rev. A. J. HAWLEY, "Cashier of the Freedmen's Savings Bank," in that city, Ex-Chaplain United States Army, and Major S. F. FREE, Assistant Inspector-General for the State of Mississippi. The Major denies the right of authority of the reverend to start any such institution as a Freedmen's Savings Bank.

The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* telegraphs: "There is a most important rumor afloat this P. M., to the effect that THADDEUS has buried the hatchet, and in future will work more in harmony with the President. His first act of repentance was to forward to the President a letter soliciting the appointment of Postmaster in Pennsylvania for a friend, whom he (STEVENS) indorsed in full, and which the President received in his usual gracious manner, granting the favor asked for within an hour afterward."

Reports of great suffering throughout the Western Territories from the severe cold and snow-storms, continue to come in. Capt. A. R. FIELDS, and several men of Company A, Second Minnesota Cavalry, during the night of Tuesday, the 13th inst., while on the march from Fort Wadsworth, D. T., to Fort Abercrombie, D. T., *en route* to Sauk Centre, Minn., were frozen to death.

The Pittsburgh *Gazette*, speaking of the strikes at the rolling mills there, says: "The iron manufacturers held a meeting yesterday and resolved not to resume work until their men would accept the reduced schedule of wages. The workmen seem equally determined, many of them having already gone to work at such employment as they can find, while others are casting about for something to do."

The enforcement of the Registry Law in Missouri, which disfranchises those who aided the rebellion, is likely to be attended with difficulties and serious collisions. The ex-rebels are combining to resist its execution, and it is reported Gov. FLETCHER will call upon the Legislature for authority to reorganize the militia with a view to be prepared for any emergency.

The Lincoln (Delaware) *Herald* congratulates the people of that State, that owing to the killing of the peach buds in New-Jersey, the Delaware peaches will command a good price this year. It says that although many of the peach buds in Delaware were injured by the last cold weather, yet there are enough unhurt to insure a large crop.

Three of the Tortugas convicts have succeeded in escaping from the island in an open boat and reaching the Cuban coast. They were found by a Spanish vessel off Matanzas and taken to Havana. They gave their names as BERRY, ADAMS and SWINTON, though one was reported to be SPANGLER.

An interesting and important discussion of the constitutionality of the Massachusetts Liquor Law, and of the effect of a government tax on occupations, business and traffic in the several States, as argued before the United States Supreme Court at Washington, will be found in the law column.

F. H. KALES, a well-known lawyer of Chicago, while on his way to his residence on Monday night, at about 10 o'clock, was knocked down by a couple of scalpers, and robbed of $1,000. Mr. KALES was seriously injured.

The St. Louis *Democrat* anticipates the opening of the upper rivers this week. The Missouri is open from Leavenworth to Kansas City. Heavy shipments have been made to the Lower Mississippi, the Tennessee, Cumberland and other lower rivers.

The Albany *Argus* announces the withdrawal of Hon. ERASTUS CORNING from the firm of which he has so long been a member, and his virtual retirement, therefore, from business life.

An order from the Secretary of War has removed Mrs. SWISSHELM from her position in the Department, because in the paper which she publishes here, she had spoken of the President as "a traitor."

The House of the Ohio Legislature, after a warm discussion, has just referred a resolution favoring the admission of loyal Southern Representatives to Congress to the Committee on Federal Relations.

Miss PAULINE T. BARNUM, youngest daughter of Mr. P. T. BARNUM, was married in Bridgeport yesterday to NATHAN SEELEY, Esq., of this City.

### LOCAL NEWS.

The Breusing Will case, which has been on trial for several days in the Supreme Court, Circuit, before Justice FOSTER and a jury, was concluded yesterday. A verdict in favor of the plaintiff, REGINA KAUFFMANN, was rendered on all the issues involved. The will, and all the material facts and circumstances connected with the execution thereof, have been published in the TIMES. The attorneys for the defendants have given notice of their intention to appeal the case to a higher Court.

The body of an unknown man was found yesterday morning floating in the East River, foot of Broome-street. Coroner GAMBLE held an inquest, when the remains were conveyed to Bellevue Hospital to await identification or interment. The body of ALEXANDER RUSSELL, a former employe of the Staten Island Ferry Company, was found in the dock off Pier No. 2, North River. An inquest was held by Coroner GAMBLE. Deceased was a resident of Staten Island.

An alleged fugitive murderer, named FRANCIS CARAHER, *alias* "Reddy," who is charged with having shot MICHAEL ALLEN on the 20th of November, 1864, in a saloon in Philadelphia, was yesterday arrested by Detectives FARREY and EUSTACE, assisted by Detective WEBB, of Philadelphia. The prisoner admitted the shooting, but said it was in self-defence. He was forwarded to Philadelphia for trial.

CAPT. GRACE and Mr. J. D. NARR, of the National Steam Navigation Company's line, gave a superb banquet, last evening, on board the fine new steamship *England*, lying at Pier No. 47, North River. Felicitous speeches were made by Messrs. A. OAKEY HALL, SULLIVAN and others, and songs were sung by Col. MCLANE and Mr. SULLIVAN.

An action to recover the sum of $10,000 damages is now on trial in the Supreme Court, Circuit, Part 3, before Justice FOSTER and a jury. The suit is brought to test the rights of owners and builders in the construction and repairing of buildings. The trial will be continued to-day.

The case of CARL NOLTE, an alleged forger, whose extradition is claimed by the Prussian authorities, was up again before Commissioner NEWTON yesterday. Sheriff KELLY still refuses to deliver NOLTE to the United States authorities. The case has now been postponed to the 1st of April.

The Chamber of Commerce met yesterday and adopted the report of the Committee relative to the construction of wharves, piers and slips, the portion relating to the ownership of the property being stricken out.

The Board of Councilmen yesterday adopted the report of the Committee of Finance on the tax levy. A resolution to appropriate $50,000 for placing a steam-heating apparatus in the City Hall was laid over.

T. ROBINSON WARREN, Esq., and Dr. D. J. MACGOWAN read highly interesting papers on Equatorial America and New-Mexico, last evening, at Clinton Hall.

The Court of General Sessions, after transacting some unimportant business yesterday, adjourned for the term.

Gold fell 1 ₱ cent. yesterday, closing below 136 ₱ cent. The Stock market firm. Money 7 ₱ cent to the Brokers. Exchange 108¾.

There was increased activity in Breadstuffs, yesterday, especially in Flour, which advanced 10c. ₱ bbl. Wheat was also 1c.@2c. ₱ bushel higher. Cotton was steady with a moderate business. Provisions were depressed. There was more doing in raw Sugars at buoyant rates. The freight engagements were mainly of Cotton for Liverpool.

FOUND DROWNED.—We suggest to the Police authorities that they adopt the English method of making public the description of unknown persons found drowned. It is there the rule to keep a board suspended *outside* every Police station, on which is posted from time to time, and for a stated period, printed forms with blanks, for inserting the descriptions of the persons, dress, contents of pockets, &c., of such unfortunates. The existence of a morgue is of course desirable, but the public will not love to visit it over much; while the plan we mention will insure a much wider publicity than can be gained by the exhibition of bodies for a short time in a place unknown to the majority of our people.

### Amending the Constitution.

We publish in another part of this morning's TIMES a very able and interesting speech made by Hon. ROBERT S. HALE, of the Essex District, in this State, upon the amendment proposed to the Constitution, by which Congress is empowered to secure by law to all the citizens of the several States "equal protection in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property." This amendment was originally presented by Mr. BINGHAM, of Ohio, and referred to the Committee on Reconstruction. That Committee authorized Mr. BINGHAM to report it to the House, but it is understood that the Committee do not give it their full support.

Mr. HALE takes the ground that it in effect authorizes Congress to pass any laws it may deem necessary and proper for protecting citizens of all the States in the enjoyment of life, liberty and property; that it may take all these matters into its own control, subject only to the condition that the protection thus afforded shall be *equal*. He regards this as a wide and dangerous departure from the fundamental principles of the Government, and as completely overriding all the powers and rights expressly reserved to the States by the Constitution. He supports this view in an argument of great clearness and force—one which was not affected or weakened in the least by the attempts made to answer it.

The amendment seems to be only another of the steps proposed by the Radicals in Congress, for a consolidation of the central power, and the complete overthrow of State authority. The steadiness with which this purpose has been pursued shows that it is not an accident of political action, but a deliberate and distinct political programme. It has more than once been asserted in Congress that as the Southern States are now unrepresented, and as the Northern States thus have the *opportunity* to make the Government precisely what they would have it, they ought to embrace it, and to pass such laws and such amendments to the Constitution as will give them permanent and complete control of the Government. And the whole action of the radicals in Congress has been steadily and powerfully in that direction.

It is scarcely necessary to say that this doctrine is one which may well arrest the attention of the people of the United States, and that it is impossible for those who attempt to carry it into effect, to escape the most rigid scrutiny and responsibility at their hands.

### A Kindly Word to the Friends of Ireland, and their British Rulers.

There is but one serious side to the Fenian movement. We have pointed out its ludicrous features, perhaps as broadly as was expedient. There is, however, one view of the question which no true friend of "justice to Ireland" should overlook. The movement thus far has compassed two striking objects, and two only, for Ireland and Irish Liberals. It has caused the suspension of the writ of *habeas corpus*, and sent scores of honest, well-meaning persons to the common jail.

It may be well enough for demagogues here to tell the Irish residents among us that these are but the first fruits of the grand scheme of liberation. No one who soberly looks at the situation can believe for a moment that any fruits *less* bitter can possibly come of the enterprise for Irish emancipation, as now inaugurated in this country.

The Fenian Party is just as radically divided, in principle and aim, as emancipating Irish parties—so called—have always been in their native island. The clergy, almost to a man, are opposed to the project of an uprising. Such a prelate as the Archbishop of Halifax would readily join the ranks of a royal defensive army to-morrow, and would carry thousands of his flock along with him, as against Fenians and Fenianism. The Catholic gentry of the South of Ireland are, almost to a man, as deadly enemies of revolution as the Orangemen of the North. The judges who have been sitting upon the cases of the Fenian prisoners in the Civil Courts at Dublin and Cork, are mainly distinguished members of the Roman Catholic Church. Some of them, as Mr. Justice KEOGH, have been conspicuous advocates of the rights of Ireland in and out of Parliament.

Against the great body of the Irish priesthood, against a united hierarchy, against the landed (Catholic) gentry of the country, against the leading men of the Irish Bar and the Irish Bench, then, this American organization has to fight its way. Thus far its work has been signalized by scores of prompt convictions, and by the curtailment of the liberties of the whole population of Ireland, under a suspension of the writ of personal liberty.

If it is said that these failures will yet be redeemed by seizing outlying British territory, in which Irish and other colonists have settled. Then it is clear that the Fenian leaders contemplate an appeal to the judgment of other Powers than Great Britain, and that these Fenian leaders are weak enough to suppose that Governments which might be neutral in a civil war between the residents of Ireland and Great Britain, would view with complacency the proposal to seize and use outlying colonies, be they large or small, be they British or Anti-British, for making war on peaceful merchantmen on the ocean.

It may seem strange that the United States—with the recent experience of our own people—should have any qualms of conscience on this score. But the facts are, nevertheless, as we present them. When our Government settles the outstanding account against British "neutrals," it will settle it in *its own way*, and at its own time, and without the aid of Mexican fillibusters or Irish Fenians.

Meanwhile, we may be permitted to express some surprise that a Government so powerful in material force, and so entirely conscious of its rectitude, as that of Great Britain, should have, thus early, found it necessary to suspend the writ of *habeas corpus*, in the presence of a treasonable enterprise which has not even assumed the proportions of an agrarian uprising, and which has its headquarters and its mainsprings of action at least four thousand miles distant from the centre of British power. It is not, perhaps, our business to inquire particularly into this; although few of us Americans have forgotten that our Government was loudly berated by the English oracles for resorting to a similar suspension of personal liberty laws—after nearly the entire priesthood of the Southern States, Protestant and Catholic—after nine hundred out of every thousand of "the landed gentry" of the South—and after the legal Legislatures of almost every Southern commonwealth, had formally proclaimed a revolt against the national authority. We are not asking our British cousins to be consistent in this, or in anything. Nor are we about to threaten them with a reciprocity of neutral behavior, in case the Fenians should prove to be stronger than they seem. We are merely improving an occasion which the American people have *not made, and have not contributed to make*, so that we may remind our English friends that curses invariably come home to roost.

### The People, the President and the Politicians.

The sober second thought is evidently doing its work among the politicians. The majority of the Union Party in Congress begin to evince a gratifying unwillingness to play the game of the few reckless men who have arrogated the authority of leaders. There is a manifest tendency in the direction of prudence, if not of absolute conservatism. The rage for constitutional amendments gradually abates. The crusade against the Southern States is moderated, not to say checked, by an increased regard for consequences. The warfare against the President, though persisted in by the radical Press, finds less sympathy in the Capitol, where other counsels than those of the disunionists for the moment prevail.

For this wholesome change the country is undoubtedly indebted in a large degree to the President. Had he been composed of more pliable material, possessed less firmness of purpose, or been in any manner subject to the external influences by which less courageous men are swayed, the radical disunionists would have carried everything before them. Every branch of the Government would have been subject to their rude energy. A central directory, holding secret sessions in a committee-room of the Capitol, would have laid aside the Constitution as a useless scroll, discarded the decisions of the Supreme Court, made the votes of Congress effectual for everything, and frustrated the whole object of the war by rendering the restoration of the Union impossible. The firmness of ANDREW JOHNSON has in a measure saved us from these perils, immediate and contingent, and imposed a restraint upon conduct that would have led to a renewal of civil conflict. Without in any instance overstepping the defined boundaries of the Presidential authority, he has asserted the rightful privileges of his office, and turned to just account the opportunities that have come before him. The iron nerve which, during the war, sustained him amidst no ordinary danger, has enabled him to stand unflinchingly before assaults that would have intimidated another man. His courage, his presence of mind, his clearness of intellect and steadiness of will, have indeed made themselves more manifest as the occasions for their exercise have arisen. If he has spoken publicly with greater frequency, greater fullness and greater significance than Presidents have usually done, it should be remembered that never since the formation of the Union has there been a similar necessity for this kind of Executive effort. If now and then he has been more pointedly controversial and denunciatory than comports with the pleasure of radical newspapers, let it be borne in mind that the radicals themselves, by the virulence and indecency of their attacks, compelled him to vindicate his own manhood and uphold the high trust reposed in him, by indicating his course and the grounds upon which he relies for its justification. This always may it be said, as well of his impromptu addresses as of those which bore evidence of preparation, and of his messages to Congress not less than either—that ANDREW JOHNSON has satisfactorily vindicated the constitutionality and the consistency of his position, and the wisdom of his policy considered as a means of healing wounds produced by the rebellion, and restoring peace and integrity to the Union. Therefore, we repeat, the country may thank the President for the vigor and intelligence with which he has recalled Congress to a sense of its duties, and for the pluck which has enabled him more or less completely to baffle the plans of the disunionists.

Another and yet more powerful influence is in operation to counteract the movements of the disunionists, and direct the labors of Congress into more useful channels. The people of the North are making their power felt in various directions, and especially in the direction of those who are supposed to represent them at Washington. It is well understood that since the delivery of the Veto Message, public opinion has not permitted professed members of the Union Party to forget the purpose for which the war against the rebellion was conducted, or the nature of the platform upon which they were respectively elected. The imposing demonstration in this City gave the key-note to the Union Party throughout the country, and we anticipate that, as time rolls on, the pressure which constituencies may legitimately exercise upon their representatives will exhibit augmented force. If this expectation be fulfilled, the threatened disruption of the party will be averted, the radicals will be thrust into the background, and the constitutional views enunciated with so much cogency by the President will be sustained.

The truth is that an overwhelming majority of the American people have not, and never had, any decided sympathy with the principles or plans of the extremists. Your Phillipses and Garrisons have been supported by a faction which compensated by noise and activity for insignificance of number; and though the result of the war has seemed to yield tribute to their influence, everybody knows that the abolition of Slavery is attributable, not to their advocacy, but to causes which were developed during the progress of the conflict. Their violence to-day, then, reflects simply the feeling of a faction which, though capable, negatively, of mischief, is incapable of producing any positive effect upon the vast mass of public opinion. It may suit the passing convenience of politicians to keep alive sectional animosities, to cultivate crotchets at any possible cost, and to gratify their capricious vengeance, albeit its product be the permanent disruption of the Union. But for these things the people will have no patience. Their animosity toward the South ceased when the victory of our soldiers over the rebellion had been consummated: thenceforward, they regarded the citizens of the South as erring friends and brethren who had been punished for their error—not as aliens and enemies, to be treated with harshness and contumely all their days. So also in reference to the object and the end of the war itself. As understood by the people, the restoration of the Union was the one great purpose; and having put down Southern rebels who fought to destroy the Union, they are not likely to look with favor on Northern radicals who scold and conspire to tear the Union asunder.

In this great fact rests our principal source of hope and confidence. The people are for the Union, let who may be against it. The people are for the Constitution as the Fathers made it, whether the radicals are contented with it or not. Sooner or later, the judgment of the people will not admit of misconstruction on either point; and Congress shows its sagacity when it yields seasonably to the obvious current of national opinion, instead of vainly striving to thwart or resist it.

### Emigration of the Chivalry to Mexico—Hinder Them Not!

The New-Orleans newspapers inform us that Gen. SHERIDAN recently stopped a boat-load of Southern "chivalry" on their way to the imperial dominions of MAXIMILIAN. Why he stopped them we are totally at a loss to imagine, as up to this time Gen. SHERIDAN has borne the reputation of great practical sense.

That this class should wish to go to Brazil, to Mexico, anywhere but to stay among us, where they long ruled and did not ruin, is not surprising. What is surprising is that anybody should wish to hinder them, and most of all gallant PHIL. SHERIDAN; for he knows them.

Now, Mexico is a desirable country—the land of the Aztecs, of MONTEZUMA, and of silver mines. CORTEZ desired to go there, and he went; MAXIMILIAN desired to go, and *he* went; Gen. PRICE desired to go, and *he* went. With this last went the prayers of all good men—that he might never return! If BRECKINRIDGE, MASON and HUNTER, FOREST, HOOD and BEAUREGARD—and even GEORGE SANDERS—wish to go, in God's name let them go! The prayers of all honest men will include them with Gen. PRICE and one MAURY. Well may they desire to go. The climate is delightful—there are "Tierras calientes," "Tierras templadas," "Tierras frias." Each man can choose for himself, cold or hot, according to his liver, or his wardrobe. The people are varied; zambos, mestizos, mulattoes, quadroons, quinteroons. Every variety of tint and texture tempt the delicate tooth of the "chivalrous Southron." Then, too, we have heard of Duke GWIN, and the longings of high-toned gentlemen may be at last satisfied. There is an Emperor, and a Queen; then Dukes, Counts, Marshals of the Empire, Councillors Legislatif, and what not, with blue ribbons to match. No envious mudsills can there offend the elevated nostril and tempt to profanity. No, all is serene, lovely. Ah! possibly there is one thing, one only, in their way. This is it. The (once) Constitution provided that—

"The religion of the Mexican Nation is and shall be perpetually the Roman Catholic Apostolic."

This is a serious thing; because, to a high-toned chivalrous Southron, we take it his religion is a delicate thing, and to the true hard-shell Baptist the pill might go down bitter, even if sugared with the coronet of a Maximilian Duke. But these gentlemen should remember there is nothing absolutely perfect this side the gates of Paradise. We trust they will not hesitate, but go! We say again to Gen. SHERIDAN, and to all good Union soldiers, in God's name *hinder them not!*

### The Bleating of a Lamb.

The *Independent* claims to be a religious journal, and is, among the simple-minded people of the country, thought to be a specially precise and proper monitor of all Christian virtues. We cannot say that its editors, past, present, or to come, are actually canonized, since the Protestant faith does not recognize that form of deification; but that they are to a great extent believed to be simply physical incarnations of abstract perfection, is quite certain; and the bodily presence of any one of them in a rural hamlet, is an event second only to the appearance of the angel to the shepherds. It is a pity that these good people are sleeping on their posts while some devil is sowing tares; for such indeed we must conclude, after looking over the remarkable article in the last issue. A few specimens, quoted from that stunning leader, will convince the reader either that the real editors are off duty, or that we have accidentally got hold of the quackings of some "dead duck," instead of the sober and seemly *Independent*. We quote:

"Our enemies familiarized this nation with the pang of grief. Our Chief Magistrate has twice pierced it with the sting of shame.

Not proven is the charge that the President was in liquor. On the contrary, his friends esteemed him in his right mind. But perhaps the superiority of the office enables a President to be as vulgar when sober as a Vice-President when drunk.

Descending to the pit of billingsgate, he names two American statesmen, one a leader of the Senate and the other of the House.

And all this foulness to come out of the mouth, not of ANDREW JOHNSON, but of the President of the United States!

The President's music was set to sharps; the Secretary's to flats. The philosopher of Auburn, a builder of rainbows and piper of soap-bubbles, discoursed of nothing that had not already been spoken in a louder tone by Copperhead gunpowder fired in the Park.

But, with Congress courageous, calm, and right, if the President's friends continue to demand for his use the prerogative of Congress in addition to his own, they will be overthrown. If the President shall continue to usurp it for himself, he will be impeached."

There is more of the same sort, but we give enough to show the spirit. The entire article is on the principle of "fighting the devil with fire." If—as it assumes—the President was undignified and abusive, the *Independent* beats him at his own game so beyond all competition, that he should hide his diminished head.

### A Voice from St. Lawrence.

The following is an extract from a letter written by a veteran Republican of St. Lawrence, who has occupied responsible places in the Government, and whose wisdom and patriotism are proverbial:

OGDENSBURGH, Monday, Feb. 26, 1866.

Another reason for my writing is to say to you that I fully indorse the course of our good President. His veto and his recent speech have increased my confidence in him. I believe the country will sustain him.

I have an idea that men are divided into three classes, one of which will learn by the experience of others; another, by their own experience; and that the other will never learn at all. I think with Mr. SEWARD, that some of the class will get "washed overboard." I hope that the Union Party has too much sense to be broken up by STEVENS, SUMNER and PHILLIPS. I have faith in the people and in the evidence of that Hand so clearly seen in all our troubles.

GENTLE.—At the rate at which the temporary followers of the radical leader are deserting his standard, the party promises to assume proportions exceedingly small before the week shall have closed. The belligerent organ here has retired from active and open warfare, and betaken itself as formerly to the feblest kind of innuendo. There is altogether a conspicuous absence of anything like *forcible* malignity in the radical ranks. Let us hope the late assailants of the President will not come to their marrow bones all in a heap. It would neither be seasonable nor seemly. Let them come gently, so that their conversion shall awaken no doubt of their sincerity.

THE STRIKES SPREAD.—Accounts from Pittsburgh, Penn., say that the strikes continue among the mills there; that the workmen, finding that the employers will not yield, are seeking other occupations. This was to be expected. There is no other way of exit from the difficulties of the case, so long as both sides are determined on victory. Meanwhile much suffering is caused among, and more money lost by the workmen than would be compensated for if they had been entirely successful. The whole system of strikes is, we assure those who ever contemplate a resort to them, a fatal error. No combinations of men ever permanently succeed in forcing holders of large capital to pay higher wages, but on the contrary the general tendency is directly to lower them. Every strike displaces competent men, and introduces incompetent men in their places, who will accept even lower wages than their predecessors, and thus the general standard of remuneration becomes depreciated, while at the same time the supply of labor in the particular trade in question is increased by the addition of laborers, unskilled at first, but soon becoming adepts. Every man has a right to say that he will not work for less than a certain amount of remuneration—a number of men have a right to say that they will not do so. But there is no obligation on the part of employers to pay whatever is demanded of them. Labor is a commodity which is subject to the laws affecting ordinary values. And if the supply of that labor is increased by the action of strikes, in the manner we describe above, that value will inevitably fall.

UNDEVOUT ASTRONOMERS.—Much good ink has been wasted in sentences and paragraphs of astonishment that a whole month (February) has passed over to the credit side of Old Time's ledger without having had a full moon. Our business being more with the stars on the American flag than with the "glittering generalities" of the sky, we have paid no special attention to the matter, for we do not usually follow the changes of the moon; but we find, by reference to the *Independent* of this week, that these moon-calves are all astray—that there really was plenty of time for a full moon and all its train of lunatic influences—that February had 29 days, in fact that this is leap year; for, on every page of that most authoritative sheet, we read its date of "Feb. 29, 1866." Under this date, also, we read a smartly written diatribe on the President's late speech, in which diatribe we find certain charges and insinuations that unmistakably convey the impression that there was spirituous aberration on the part of the Chief Executive; but we do not find it charged that he was too drunk to know the day of the month. As the *Independent* claims a morganatic alliance with the Church, and inferentially with the Gospel, we take the liberty of nudging its elbow and calling its attention to something about motes and beams in certain people's eyes.

THE NEW-JERSEY MARSHES AGAIN.—We understand that a mass meeting of musquitoes is to be held early in June, at Snake Hill, on the Jersey flats, to take into consideration the prospective trespasses upon the domains which they have held undisturbed from time immemorial. These sanguinary insects know that if the companies just chartered by the State Legislature do their duty they will be attacked simultaneously in flank and rear—from above and below—and precipitate evacuation will be the only resource left them. On Wednesday the New-Jersey State Legislature passed the bill granting a charter to the Newark and New-York Railroad Company, and yesterday the House approved that providing for the incorporation of a company to drain the Pontine Marshes west of Bergen Hill. These two bills, therefore, only await the signature of Gov. WARD to become laws, and as he is in full sympathy with all movements looking toward the development of the State over whose interests he presides, this formality will not long be postponed. Then the musquito monopoly will be at an end, and who can tell how long it will be before those sterile marshes will "bloom and blossom as the rose?" We trust that both the companies just chartered will give immediate and practical proof that they mean to prosecute at once the works they are now respectively empowered to accomplish.

THE SKY BRIGHTENS.—The political fog rises, leaving an atmosphere all the brighter for its transient obscurity. In the Legislature sensible resolutions have succeeded, and will supersede intemperate ones. The Union Press opens its eyes and its columns. The *Fulton County Republican*, an able and reliable journal, sustains the President firmly. So does the Batavia *Advocate*, an old and uniformly sound Republican paper.

### Loyalty of the Southern People—Policy of a General Pardon—Letter from a Pardoned Secessionist.

*To the Editor of the New-York Times:*

Will you allow me a place in your valuable columns to say a word in defence of my Southern brethren from the false conclusion which is generally arrived at by our Northern fellow-citizens upon the question of their loyalty.

It seems to be a difficult matter for many to comprehend how a Southern man who has just laid down his arms in resistance to the Government of the United States, can be sincerely loyal to that Government without acknowledging himself wrong in having taken a position in favor of secession.

It might be supposed sufficient that brave men were willing to take a solemn oath in attestation of the fact, but as I perceive from every day's experience that their loyalty is still doubted, notwithstanding all the oaths and acts they can take and perform, I have thought it might serve a good purpose to illustrate by a simple comparison how this difficulty may be explained satisfactorily, viz.:

Whenever two parties, equally honest, have contested a suit at law, was it ever known that the one losing the suit was convinced he was in error? yet his acquiescence is a matter of course; so, also, in all cases of arbitration, there is no appeal ever thought of. Now, this case only differs from those cited in the tribunal resorted to; the Southern people were, from a life-long education, convinced of the right of a State to secede, while the people of the other States had been reared in a different school, teaching exactly the reverse—the sword was resorted to to decide the question; the South accepted that arbitration, and now abide its decision. In this connection let me assure our Northern brethren that, if they desire to know who is most loyal of the Southern men—if one is more so than another—it is he who has borne the brunt of battle, but having laid down his arms, has sworn allegiance to the Government of the United States.

In a word, he who was truest to the Confederate cause and has done this, is the most loyal man at the South; this, you may rely upon it, is the safest rule by which to select the most trustworthy, loyal men in that latitude, and if you find a single exception to this rule, you may hang me for a traitor.

Now, let me conclude this subject with a prayer to the President; that he will consider the peculiar circumstances under which this treason (in his opinion) was committed, and as it did not flow from any wickedness on the part of our people, but from a mistaken patriotism, growing, as I have said, out of a false education—he will perfect the offence by extending the unconditional pardon, which he has already signified to have it so declared for the future that no one can mistake what is treason against the Government, and that all are ready to acknowledge that, for any attempt at any renewal of secession, we unite in proclaiming it treason, deserving the most summary execution of its penalties upon the offender; but at that time, weighing the circumstances well, understanding the best cement for our Union is the exercise of the pardoning power without exception, when the above conditions have been subscribed to.

It is not for myself that I plead, for I was pardoned by the Amnesty Proclamation; but from a cons

## FROM THE STATE CAPITAL.

### OUR ALBANY LETTER.

Debate in the House over the Bill for Re-
lief against Illegal Taxation—Final
Passage of the Bill—Additional Grants in
the Senate—Examination of the Sani-
tary Commissioners—Candidates for
Counsel to the Commissioner—Con-
victed Horse Cases in Brie and Albany
Committee—Probable Abolition of the Com-
mission—A Caucus of the Democratic Mem-
bers—Their Policy on the National Af-
fairs.

ALBANY, Thursday, March 1.

The discussion on national topics called out
in the House to-day on Mr. WILLIAMS' resolution
to censure the President for his vetoes of the Freedmen's Bureau and Civil Rights bills, was
one of the most animated and exciting debates
of the session. It was participated in by
nearly every member of the House, and was
evidently a test case to see how many Democrats
would support the President in his course.
The resolution censures the President for his
vetoes of the two bills, and declares that the
passage of the bills over the vetoes is the only
means of restoring the Union. The debate
was opened by Mr. WILLIAMS in a speech of
about an hour, in which he reviewed the
President's vetoes, and argued that the Union
could be restored only by the passage of the
bills over the vetoes. He was followed by
Mr. BARNUM, who spoke in favor of the resolution, and was replied to by Mr. BROWN, of
Dutchess, who sustained the President's action.
Mr. BROWN was followed by Mr. BARNES, who
spoke in favor of the resolution, and was replied to by Mr. BENEDICT, who sustained the
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OFFICE OF COMPTROLLER OF THE CURRENCY,
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23, 1865.

WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, has been duly organized under and complied with the requirements of the Act of Congress entitled an Act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States bonds, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof, approved June 3, 1864, and has complied with all the provisions of said act required to be complied with before commencing business under said act.

Now, therefore, I, HUGH McCULLOCH, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the Mechanics' and Traders' National Bank of the City of New-York, in the City of New-York, in the County of New-York and State of New-York, is authorized to commence the business of banking, under the act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal of office, this 23d day of December, 1865.

[SEAL.] FREEMAN CLARK,
Comptroller.

No. 1,624.

HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH RAILROAD COMPANY.

Sealed proposals addressed to Wm. H. Swift, at Messrs. Ward, Campbell & Co.'s, No. 56 Wall-st., New-York, or to R. S. Watson, Treasurer, Boston, will be received until noon, FRIDAY, March 9, for the sale of $60,000 of the Land Bonds of said Company to the undersigned Trustees, in accordance with the provisions of the indenture of mortgage, dated April 1, 1863.

The bids will be opened at the office of the Company, in Boston, on SATURDAY, March 3, at 12 o'clock noon, and the accepted bids will then be declared.

WILLIAM H. SWIFT, }
SIDNEY BARTLETT, } Trustees.
NATHANIEL THAYER, }

NEW-YORK, Feb. 23, 1866.

THE CHICAGO AND GREAT EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY offer for sale $1,250,000 of their First Mortgage Sinking Fund, convertible bonds, due April 1, 1886, bearing seven per cent. interest, payable in the City of New-York, the first days of April and October in each year, being the entire balance of the bonds which the Company is authorized to sell under the provisions of a mortgage to George N. Titus and James D. Fish, Trustees for $1,500,000, covering the whole line of the Company's road, from Chicago, Ill., to Richmond, Ind., 224 miles, with the franchises, equipment and appurtenances, and all other present and future acquired property.

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For copy of mortgage and further particulars, apply at the office of the Company, No. 37 William-st., New-York, where subscriptions for the bonds will be received. Dated NEW-YORK, Feb. 13, 1866.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE CITY OF NEW-YORK,
No. 46 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual election for ten Directors of this Company, constituting the Board of Trustees, and for three Inspectors of Election, will be held at this office on MONDAY, the 5th day of March, proximo, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock P. M. By order.

JOHN EADIE, Secretary.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE Stockholders of the Lilly Run Petroleum Company will be held at the Howard Hotel, corner of Broadway and Madison-place, on TUESDAY, March 6, 1866, at 12 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such business as may be brought before the meeting. The transfer books will close on the 21st inst., and open on the 7th of March.

JAMES MILLIGAN, Secretary.

ALL HOLDERS OF THE BONDS OF THE WILMINGTON AND MANCHESTER RAILROAD COMPANY, North Carolina, are respectfully requested to make themselves known as soon as possible to the undersigned, or M. K. JESUP & CO., agents of the company, New-York, giving class and numbers of bonds held by them respectively, that the company may confer with them on matters relating to their interest.

HENRY M. DRANE,
President Wilmington and Manchester Railroad Company, Wilmington, N. C.

PRESTON COAL AND IMPROVEMENT COMPANY,
No. 205½ WALNUT-STREET,
PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 19, 1866.

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS and election for Directors of this Company will be held at the office of the Company on WEDNESDAY, March 7, 1866. H. P. RUTTER, Secretary.

STUYVESANT INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 20, 1866.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the annual election for twenty-five Directors and for three Inspectors of the next election will be held at the office of the Company, No. 122 Broadway, on TUESDAY, the 6th of March next. The poll will open at 12 M. and close at 1 P. M. WM. F. LEGGETT, Secretary.

SHERBROOKE GOLD MINING COMPANY OF NOVA SCOTIA.—The annual meeting of the Sherbrooke Gold Mining Company for the election of Directors and transaction of other business, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 31 Old-st., on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1866, at 3 o'clock P. M. By order of the Board of Directors.

H. HUNTINGTON, Secretary.

Dated Feb. 23, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING OF the stockholders of the LOCOMOTIVE ENGINE SAFETY TRUCK COMPANY will be held at their office, No. 61 Cortlandt-st., New-York, on TUESDAY, March 13, at 10 o'clock A. M.

JOEL C. LANE, Secretary.

NEW-YORK, March 2, 1866.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL ELECTION OF Directors for the New-York and Virginia Steamship Company will be held at the office of the company, No. 18 Broadway, on TUESDAY, March 6, 1866, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 P. M. The transfer books will be closed until after the election.

H. BRINKERHOFF, Secretary.

## FINANCIAL.

UNION BANK OF LONDON,

NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

BELFAST BANKING CO., IRELAND.

We issue sight drafts on the above, in sums to suit.

# TAYLOR BROTHERS.

NO. 17 WALL-ST.

# VERMILYE & CO.,

BANKERS,

NO. 44 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK,

KEEP CONSTANTLY ON HAND FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY,

ALL ISSUES OF

UNITED STATES STOCKS,

INCLUDING

6 PER CENT. BONDS OF 1881.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1862.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1864.
6 PER CENT. 5-20 BONDS OF 1865.
6 PER CENT. 10-40 BONDS.
7 3-10 PER CENT. TREASURY NOTES, 1ST, 2D AND 3D SERIES.
6 PER CENT. CURRENCY CERTIFICATES.

ORDERS from BANKS and BANKERS, for the PURCHASE and SALE of Government Stocks executed ON FAVORABLE TERMS and with DISPATCH.

Also for all securities dealt in at the Stock Exchange.

COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES OF 1864 BOUGHT and SOLD. VERMILYE & CO.

FOR SALE.

NEW-YORK STATE

SEVEN PER CENT. BOUNTY LOAN,

DUE IN 1878 AND 1879.

VERMILYE & CO., No. 44 Wall-st.

MERCHANTS' NATIONAL BANK.

UNITED STATES DESIGNATED DEPOSITORY.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CAPITAL TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS.

All issues of United States Government Securities bought and sold.

Claims on all the Departments collected promptly and remitted for.

Deposits in Gold and Currency received on favorable terms from all parts of the Union.

Certificates of Deposit issued payable at National Banks everywhere in the United States.

L. HUCK, President.

C. A. SHERMAN, Cashier.

J. COOKE & CO.,

BANKERS.

In connection with our Houses in Philadelphia and Washington, we this day open an office at No. 1 Nassau, corner of Wall-st., in this City.

Mr. EDWARD DODGE, late of Clark, Dodge & Co., New-York; Mr. H. C. FARNESTOCK, of our Washington House, and Mr. PITT COOKE, of Sandusky, Ohio, will be resident partners.

We shall give particular attention to the purchase and sale of GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, and to orders for purchase and sale of STOCKS, BONDS and GOLD.

JAY COOKE & CO.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

PITHOLE FARMS

PETROLEUM COMPANY.

CAPITAL.....$150,000

IN

50,000 SHARES, AT $3 PER SHARE.

OFFICERS:

President—WM. H. STORY, Batavia, N. Y.
Vice-President—GEORGE F. BALL, New-York.
Treasurer—JULIUS R. POMEROY, New-York.
Secretary—WM. H. WHITE, New-York.
Superintendent—A. G. MYERS, Titusville.

DIRECTORS:

WM. H. STORY, Batavia, N. Y.
JULIUS R. POMEROY, New-York.
JOHNSON B. BROWN, Rochester, N. Y.
GEORGE F. BALL, New-York.
WM. H. WHITE, New-York.
A. W. BAKER, New-York.
OSCAR KING, Baltimore.

OFFICE NO. 26 PINE-ST., NEW-YORK,

where subscription books are now open for the sale of the stock at $3 per share.

The COMPANY HAS

Three different properties in Fee Simple on Pithole Creek, amounting to eighty-four acres of the best boring territory in the Great Oil Basin.

One brick building, sold subject to a lease expiring May, 1867; lessee to pay taxes, assessments and repairs.

No. 619 57TH-ST.—House and lot, sold subject to a lease expiring May, 1867.

Nos. 31 AND 33 LEWIS-ST.—The two lots of land with four houses.

Map and particulars at the office.

SATURDAY, March 3,

At 11 o'clock, on the premises.

(Under the direction of B. LEFFINGWELL, Esq., Referee.)

FARM in Harlem Flats, near mouth of WESTCHESTER COUNTY, late of Wm. Silliman, Esq., 180 acres, two miles from Tuckahoe Station, one mile from Scarsdale Station, on Harlem Railroad; mile from New-Rochelle, eight miles from New-York; large mansion-house, farm-house and other suitable outbuildings; highly cultivated, well wooded and watered; fruit trees in variety and abundance; valuable marble on a portion; possession 1st of April; 50 per cent. can remain on bond and mortgage.

Maps and particulars at the office.

GEO. A. LEAVITT, Auctioneer, Trade Salerooms, No. 498 Broadway, corner of Broome-st., Up-stairs.

MARCH 5, AND THE FIVE FOLLOWING days, at 6 o'clock P. M., the very extensive library of J. R. Fisher, Esq., of Austerfield Grange, Camden County, N. J., containing many choice, scarce, curious and unique books. Among the specialities are American History, comprising early Travelers and Writers, Voyages round the World, Arctic Voyages, State Histories, Indian History, Indian Captivities, Travels and Surveys, Early American Poetry, Bibliotheca Americana, &c., &c. Also, Black Letter Books, Witchcraft, Demonology, and Miracles—on these subjects the collection is full. Large paper books, &c., &c. In many respects this collection of books is unequaled by any collection ever before offered for sale at Auction to the public. The books are in superb condition, mostly in elegant and substantial bindings by Pawson & Nicholson, Mackenzie, Lewis, Riviere, Hayday, and other well known European binders. As a general rule, they are now in a condition to be placed on the library shelves of any gentleman in this country for use.

Catalogues price 75 cents, and the books will be on view on Thursday morning, March 1.

MORRIS WILKINS, Auctioneer.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF 100 VALUABLE LANDS AND LOTS—Madison, Lexington, 3d and 4th avs., Avenue A, 42d, 43d, 44th, 45th, 46th and 56th sts., by order of the Executors of Francis Pearsall, deceased.—E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell at auction, on THURSDAY, March 29, 1866, at 12 o'clock, at the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway:

MADISON-AV.—Northeast corner 46th-st., 6 lots.

LEXINGTON-AV. AND 3D-AV.—Southeast corner 47th-st., 10 lots, extra size.

LEXINGTON-AV., 44TH AND 45TH STS.—17 lots, each 25x100 feet.

AVENUE A, 1ST-AV. AND 56TH-ST.—One-half of the block between Avenue A and 1st-av., 56th and 57th st.

MADISON AND 4TH AVS., 45TH AND 46TH STS.—32 lots, comprising the entire block.

42D-ST.—2 lots south side, 125 feet west of Lexington-av., 25x100 each.

43D-ST.—1 lot north side, 275 feet east of Lexington-av., 25x100 feet.

Maps, &c., at No. 3 Pine-st.

BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Jan. 16, 1866.

SALE OF SERVICEABLE NAVY POWDERS, AT THE UNITED STATES NAVY-YARD, NORFOLK, VIRGINIA.

There will be sold to the highest bidder, at public auction, at the hour of 10 A. M. on the 27th day of March, 1866, in the office of the Inspector of Ordnance, at the Norfolk Navy-yard, by sample, five hundred and thirty-four thousand four hundred and three pounds (534,403) of Navy Powders, as follows:

102,360 pounds serviceable.
7,875 pounds condemned.
19,518 pounds damaged.
4,648 pounds compressed.

534,403 pounds.

As only about two hundred and seventy-two thousand three hundred and fifty-two (272,352) pounds of these powders are in barrels, purchasers must provide barrels into which the remainder of the powder may be emptied from the tanks, for which a period of thirty (30) days will be allowed. The powder in barrels, however, must be removed within ten days from the day of sale, otherwise they will revert to the government.

Terms cash in gold or currency funds, one-half of the purchase money to be deposited at the completion of the sale, and the remainder before the powders are removed.

HENRY D. MINER, Auctioneer—Salesroom No. 37 Nassau-st., opposite the Post-office.

MINER & SOMERVILLE WILL SELL at auction, SATURDAY, March 3, at 10½ o'clock, at their salesroom, No. 37 Nassau-st., elegant parlor suites in figured and crimson brocatelle and library suites in green reps, black walnut parlor suites in hair-cloth and reps, Brussels and ingrain carpets, bureaus, washstands, bedsteads, extension tables, mattresses, refrigerators, &c., &c.

ALSO,

Office furniture, desks, chairs, lounges, cocoa matting, letter-presses, &c., &c.

ALSO,

For account of whom it may concern, an invoice of books of a miscellaneous character, comprising standard literature and law works.

BUREAU OF ORDNANCE, NAVY DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON CITY, Feb. 28, 1866.

SALE OF NAVY POWDERS AT THE NAVY-YARD, PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

There will be sold to the highest bidders at public auction, on the 13th day of April, 1866, by the ordnance officer at the Portsmouth Navy-yard, N. H., one hundred and eighty-five thousand nine hundred and sixty-nine (185,969) pounds navy powders, as follows:

151,600 lbs. cannon powder.
29,219 lbs. rifle powder.
25,150 lbs. musket powder.

These powders will be divided into lots of one hundred barrels each.

Terms, one-half cash in Government funds, and the remainder in approved paper, payable in thirty days from a reasonable time, but not more than thirty days will be allowed; the purchaser, however, to make every exertion to remove the powders sooner.

H. A. WISE,
Chief of Bureau.

T. R. MINTURN, Auctioneer.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, AT 11½ o'clock, on Pier No. 13 East River:

FRESH SICILY ORANGES AND LEMONS.

1,067 boxes fresh Sicily oranges.
1,634 boxes fresh Sicily lemons.

Cargo brig *Eleanora*, from Palermo.

THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW-YORK will sell, at public auction, on TUESDAY, 6th day of March, 1866, at 12 o'clock P. M., at the Croton Aqueduct Department Pipe-yard, foot of East Twenty-fourth-street, about three hundred and fifty tons pipes, castings, old iron, &c. Further information may be had on application to the Collector of City Revenue, Comptroller's Office, Hall of Records.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE, Feb. 24, 1866.

MATTHEW T. BRENNAN, Comptroller

## PERSONAL.

CHARLES W. HARTWELL, FORMERLY of Worcester, Mass., will hear of something to his pecuniary advantage by communicating with the undersigned. Any one knowing his address is requested to inform DWIGHT FOSTER, Boston, Mass.

FEB. 27, MOTT HAVEN, M., 3 O'CLOCK train from New-York. Meet me with fine horse. Would much pleased to hear from it soon. Please address Box No. 4,021 Post-office.

## HORSES AND CARRIAGES.

A HANDSOME DARK BAY HORSE, NEW to owner, and harness (little used) for sale; over 5 years; perfect health; stylish gait; kind; sound; has never been used single; also phaeton, gold mounted; SAMUEL PETTIT, 37 Park-row, near Ann-st.

## DIVIDENDS.

OFFICE OF UNITED PETROLEUM FARMS ASSOCIATION,
No. 6 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 19, 1866.

THE TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED PETROLEUM FARMS ASSOCIATION have this day declared a dividend of One Per Cent. on the capital stock of the Company, payable March 1, 1866. Transfer books will be closed from Feb. 22 to March 5, both days inclusive.

AUSTIN STEVENS, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.

RUSSELL FILE COMPANY.

No. 1 BROADWAY, ROOM No. 17,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1866.

The Board of Trustees have this day declared a quarterly Dividend of Five Per Cent. in cash, and Five Per Cent. in stock, payable on the 10th day of March.

The transfer books will be closed from the 6th to the 9th of March inclusive.

WM. J. PEASE, President.

JAMES H. KIDDER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 8, 1866.

THIRTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.—NOTICE IS hereby given that the Board of Directors have this day declared a dividend of five (5) per cent. on the net earnings of the quarter ending Jan. 31, payable at the office of the company on WEDNESDAY, 28th inst., upon the capital stock, and so much of the scrip stock as has been declared paid.

The transfer books will be closed Thursday, the 22d inst., and reopened Friday, March 2. By order of the Board of Directors.

THEODORE T. JOHNSON, Secretary.

OFFICE OF CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD CO.,
CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 15, 1866.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.—THE DIRECTORS OF the Chicago and Alton Railroad Company have this day declared a Dividend of Five Per Cent. cash on the preferred and common stock of the Company, payable on the 1st day of March, 1866, at the office of Messrs. M. K. JESUP & CO., No. 54 Broadway, New-York City. Transfer books will close on the 20th inst., and open on the 2d of March.

W. M. LARRABEE, Secretary.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW-YORK, CORNER OF BROADWAY AND LIBERTY-ST., NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866.

THE HOLDERS OF CERTIFICATES (or *post-mortem* dividends on all policies which have become claims previous to this date, are hereby notified that the amount due will be paid on presentation of the certificates at this office, properly receipted.

Policy holders residing in the City are notified that the dividends will be entered upon their policies on presentation at the office, and those residing out of the City are notified that statements of their dividends will be sent to them through our agents, or by mail when desired.

F. S. WINSTON, President.

DIVIDEND.—THE CHEMUNG RAILROAD COMPANY will pay a dividend of Three per Cent. on demand, free of the Government tax, payable at the Treasurer's office, No. 9 Broad-st., Room No. 11.

JN. W. BAKER, Treasurer, pro tem.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

## SAVINGS BANKS.

METROPOLITAN SAVINGS BANK

HAS REMOVED TO NO. 10 COOPER INSTITUTE, 3d-av., during the erection of their new Banking-house. Bank open from 10 to 2 P. M., and on MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS and FRIDAYS from 5 to 7 P. M.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS.

W. J. BARNES, Sec. ISAAC T. SMITH, Pres't.

ATLANTIC SAVINGS BANK,

CHATHAM-SQUARE (opposite MOTT-ST.,) NEW-YORK.

Allows SIX (6) PER CENT. INTEREST to depositors, FREE OF TAX. Deposits from $1 to $5,000 received.

SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID.

Free from government tax.

THIRD-AVENUE SAVINGS BANK,

Corner of Twenty-sixth-street and Third-avenue.

BROADWAY SAVINGS INSTITUTION

Chartered 1851.

No. 237 Broadway, entrance on Park-place.

Open daily, from 10 to 3 o'clock.

CHARLES B. SCHOALS, President.

WADE B. WORRALL, Sec'y. PETER CUMMING, Act'y.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,

CANAL-ST., CORNER OF VARICK-ST.

Interest, SIX PER CENT. free of tax.

## COPARTNERSHIP NOTICES

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.

The firm of BROCKELMANN, UNGER & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. J. R. BROCKELMANN retiring from business. Either of the partners will sign the firm in liquidation.

The remaining partners will continue the Brokerage Business in Foreign Exchange, Gold, Government Securities, &c., under the firm of CHARLES UNGER & CO., No. 58 Exchange-place.

J. R. BROCKELMANN,
CHARLES UNGER,
WILLIAM HAHN,
C. G. KLUG.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership, under the style of ALEX. M. HAYS & CO., for the purpose of importing and dealing in Paris fancy goods, at the old stand, No. 23 Maiden-lane.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 1, 1866. ALEX. M. HAYS,
JNO. R. SHEPARD.

DISSOLUTION.—THE COPARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the firm of DEMAREST & SIMONS, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either partner will sign in liquidation.

P. P. DEMAREST,
L. SIMONS.

DATED NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—THE UNDERSIGNED have this day formed a copartnership under the firm of DEMAREST, ADAMS & WHITE, and will continue the general commission business at the old place, No. 32 Moore-st.

P. P. DEMAREST,
G. D. ADAMS,
C. L. WHITE.

DATED NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the name of GEORGE W. ELDER & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

GEO. W. ELDER,
DANIEL R. ELDER.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

The undersigned have this day formed a copartnership under the firm name of GEORGE W. ELDER & CO., to continue the business of the old firm.

GEORGE W. ELDER,
DANIEL R. ELDER,
LEVI H. SANDFORD,
GEO. L. AYRES.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE THIS DAY formed a copartnership under the firm name of PARDOW, DOUGHTY & CO. for the transaction of a general stock commission business, at the old established place, (after May 1 at No. 10 Wall-st.) Stocks, bonds, gold and government securities bought and sold on commission.

Member of New-York Stock Exchange;
WM. S. DOUGHTY,
ROBERT BOLLING.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing between WM. GALE & SON, was dissolved on Jan. 1, 1866.

WM. GALE,
WM. GALE, Jr.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1866.

The business heretofore conducted under the firm of WM. GALE & SON, will be continued by the undersigned, who succeeds to the assets of the late firm.

WM. GALE, Jr.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 27, 1866.

THE COPARTNERSHIP HERETOFORE existing under the firm of QUACKENBUSH, POST & CO., was this day dissolved by mutual consent.

GEORGE QUACKENBUSH,
LEWIS R. POST.
SAMUEL S. HINMAN.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 28, 1866.

THE FIRM OF SAMUEL ARCHER & CO. is this day dissolved, by mutual consent—EDWIN FERRIS succeeds to the business. The debts of the late firm will be paid by the said EDWIN FERRIS, at the office of SAMUEL ARCHER, No. 194 Duane-st.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP.—WILLIAM E. COCK, formerly my nephew, GEORGE H. COCK, into partnership, the business will be continued under the name of WILLIAM E. COCK & CO.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—MR. EDWARD C. FORD and Mr. CHARLES D. FULLER have this day been admitted as partners in our firm.

FULLER, LORD & CO.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—MR. AYMAR CATER BECOMES A partner in our firm from this date.

AYMAR & CO.

NOTICE OF COPARTNERSHIP.—MR. WALTON FERGUSON is admitted from this date as partner in our firm.

J. & S. FERGUSON.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

NOTICE.—MR. CHARLES E. SEARS BECOMES a partner in our firm from this date.

ZED. FRYE & CO.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

I HAVE THIS DAY ASSOCIATED WITH me my brother, Mr. C. W. RILEY. The firm will hereafter be GEO. F. RILEY & CO. GEO F. RILEY.

NEW-YORK, March 1, 1866.

I HAVE THIS DAY ASSOCIATED WITH me Mr. WM. S. KNOWLES. The firm hereafter be MORRISON & KNOWER. G. L. MORRISON.

MR. E. C. LORD RETIRES THIS DAY from the firm of JOHN C. LORD & BRO.

MARCH 1, 1866.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—IN THE MATTER OF the application of the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, relative to the widening and extending of Ann-street and Fulton-street, in the City of New-York.

Pursuant to statutes in such case made and provided, the Mayor, Aldermen and Commonalty of the City of New-York, hereby give notice, that they intend to apply to the Supreme Court of the State of New-York, at a Special Term of said Court, to be held at the City Hall, in the City of New-York, on SATURDAY, the twenty-fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-six, at the opening of the Court on that day, or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard, for the appointment of Commissioners of Estimate and Assessment in the above-entitled matter; that the nature and extent of the improvement hereby intended, is the widening and extending of Ann-street and Fulton-street, in said City, in manner following, viz.: to say—On the northerly side of Ann-street, between Park-row and Williamstreet, and on both sides of Ann-street, between William-street and Broadway; also, on the northerly side of Fulton-street, between William-street and Ryder's alley; also, on the southerly side of Fulton-street, between Ryder's alley and Pearl-street, and on the northerly side of Fulton-street, between Front-street and South-street, in the City of New-York, as laid down and delineated on a certain map made by Richard Boyle, City Surveyor, on file in the office of the Clerk of the Common Council, of the City of New-York.

DATED NEW-YORK, February 27, 1866.

RICHARD B. CORMAN,
Counsel to the Corporation.

NEW-YORK SUPREME COURT.—EMELINE DOWD against NATHAN M. BUFFINGTON. Summons for money demand on contract. (Fifty cent United States internal revenue stamp cancelled.) To the above-named defendant: You are hereby summoned and required to answer the complaint in this action, which was filed in the office of the Clerk of the City and County of New-York, at the City Hall in the City of New-York, on the twenty-fourth day of February, 1866, and to serve a copy of your answer to the said complaint on the subscribers, at their office, No. 111 Broadway, in the City of New-York, within twenty days after the service of this summons on you, exclusive of the day of said service, and if you fail to answer the said complaint within the time aforesaid, the plaintiff in this action will take judgment against you for the sum of twelve hundred dollars, with interest thereon, from the first day of February, 1866, and the costs and disbursements of this action.

DULVEE & WRIGHT, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

NEW-YORK, Feb. 24, 1866.

## AUCTION SALES.

J. H. DRAPER, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES COTTON SALE.

JOHN H. DRAPER & CO.

Will sell, on FRIDAY, March 2, 1866, at 1 o'clock P. M., Exchange Salesroom No. 111 Broadway, by order of Simeon Draper, United States Cotton Agent.

2,800 BALES MOBILE COTTON.

The above cotton has been classed and sampled by G. W. Ainey, and may be seen in the bale at Barbey's store, Nos. 290 to 296 Columbia-st., Brooklyn, and by sample at the office of the auctioneers, No. 36 Pine-st., New-York, two days before the sale.

## GREAT SALE IN FINE ARTS.

THE COLLECTION OF FOREIGN PICTURES in the STUDIO BUILDING, No. 15 10th-st., will be sold at auction on the evenings of the 15th and 16th of March.

C. W. BOTELER, Jr., Auctioneer.

SALE OF NEW HOSPITAL CLOTHING, BEDDING, &c.

MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13, 1866.

An extensive sale of Hospital Clothing, Bedding, &c., entirely new and in the original boxes and bales, will be held in this city, at the Judiciary-square Warehouses, Fifth and E sts., back of City Hall, on THURSDAY, the 8th day of March next, at 10 o'clock A. M. The following articles will be offered for sale, viz.:

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| Shirts | 40,000 |
| Drawers | 20,000 |
| Socks, pairs | 20,000 |
| Slippers, pairs | 30,000 |
| Gowns | 30,000 |
| Bed-sacks | 20,000 |
| Pillow-ticks | 10,000 |
| Pillows, Hair | 4,000 |
| Towels, Hand | 10,000 |

The attention of the trade and the public at large is called to this sale, as the goods will be sold in lots to suit both large and small purchasers. Quantities as small as one dozen will be sold. Goods will be delivered to purchasers within five (5) days from termination of sale.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

J. H. SUTHERLAND,
Surgeon and Purveyor U. S. A.

DANIEL H. BURDETT, Auctioneer.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT VESSELS AT AUCTION.

BURDETT JONES & CO. will sell on TUESDAY, March 6, 1866, at 12 o'clock noon, at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard, Brooklyn, by order of the Navy Department, the following-named vessels:

STEAM TUG MARIGOLD—Length, 83 feet; breadth, 19 feet; depth, 8 feet 3 inches; one vertical engine; diameter of cylinder, 26 inches; stroke of piston, 26 inches; one flue and return tubular boiler.

STEAM TUG LABURNUM—Length, 100 feet; breadth, 21 feet 3 inches; depth, 9 feet; diameter of cylinder, 32 inches; stroke, 32 inches; one boiler, two furnaces, flue and return tubes.

TERMS—Twenty per cent. on the day of sale, the balance within six days, when the vessels must be removed from the yard. C. H. BELL, Commandant.

UNITED STATES MILITARY RAILROADS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1, 1866.

AUCTION SALE OF LOCOMOTIVES.

Will be sold at public auction, at Danville, Va., on the 8th day of March, 1866,

Five (5) second-hand locomotive engines, 4 feet 8½ inches gauge; cylinders 15x22, and weighing about 20 tons each.

Two (2) box freight cars, 4 feet 8½ inches gauge.

Sale to commence at 10 A. M.

Terms—cash in government funds.

H. L. ROBINSON,
Brevet Brig.-Gen., A. Q. M.

BENJ. F. THEALL, Auctioneer,
Late salesman with E. H. Ludlow & Co.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, CARPETS, &c.

THEALL & CURTIS will sell by auction on FRIDAY, March 2, 1866, at 11 o'clock, at No. 142 West 19th-st., between 6th and 7th avs., rosewood parlor suite, marble-top tables, mirrors, curtains, French bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, wardrobe, toilet crockery, Brussels and ingrain carpets, oil-cloths, engravings, &c., &c., together with the kitchen utensils.

JAMES M. MILLER, Auctioneer.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, AT 12 O'CLOCK, AT the Exchange Salesroom, No. 111 Broadway, under the direction of B. Leffingwell, Esq., Referee:

No. 21 CHERRY-ST.—The lot of land, with a front and rear brick building, sold subject to a lease expiring May, 1867; lessee to pay taxes, assessments and repairs.

No. 619 57TH

## SHIPPING.

THE NORTH AMERICAN LOYD'S

New line of first-class ocean steamers between New York and Bremen, via Cowes, on the following dates:

HOLSTEIN ..... 1,200-horse power.
WESTERNLAND ..... 1,200-horse power.
ATLANTIC, 1,000 tons, 1,000-horse power.

For freight or passage apply at the Company's offices, 2 Bowling Green.

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Steamer leaves Tocoi every TUES

# FOUR DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

## Arrival of the Asia at Halifax, and the Edinburgh at this Port.

## Vigorous Measures Against the Fenian Malcontents.

## The Writ of Habeas Corpus Suspended in Ireland.

## One Hundred Arrests in Dublin in a Single Day.

## Excitement Over the Rumored Departure of Fenian Privateers from America.

## GERMAN TROOPS FOR MAXIMILIAN.

## The Emperor of Austria Proposes to Send Him as Many as He Can Pay For.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

The steamship *Asia*, Capt. ANDERSON, from Liverpool at 10 o'clock on the morning of the 17th ult, via Queenstown on the afternoon of the 18th ult., arrived at Halifax yesterday morning. Her dates are four days later than those already received.

The *Asia* has 23 passengers for this port and 43 for Boston.

The Inman steamer *Edinburgh*, which left Liverpool at 10:30 on the morning of the 14th, and Queenstown on the 15th of February, arrived here yesterday.

The steamship *Pennsylvania*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the evening of the 16th ult.

The steamship *Glasgow*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the 17th ult.

The steamship *Hibernia*, from Portland, arrived at Glasgow on the 17th ult.

The steamship *Kangaroo*, from New-York, arrived at Liverpool on the evening of the 15th ult.

The steamship *Java*, from New-York, arrived at Queenstown on the 16th of February.

A telegram from Portugal, dated the 15th ult., announces that the American squadron has sailed for the Mediterranean.

A letter from Rome says that it is believed that at the next Consistory a Bishop of the United States will receive a Cardinal's hat.

## OUR PARIS CORRESPONDENCE.

### Great Britain and France Concerning Mexico—General Feeling that the Imperial Government is Coming Out Second Best.

PARIS, Friday, Feb. 9, 1866.

A profound irritation reigns in France about the relations with America. The word has been pronounced, and passed hastily from mouth to mouth, "We have been ordered out of Mexico!" and you know how easy it is for a whole community to seize upon a word and form a judgment upon it without going deeper into the question. But there are two kinds of irritation; one against the United States, and one against the French Government. I have no need of telling you how parties are divided on this subject.

In the address of the Senate in reply to the speech from the Throne, you will see faithfully translated the feeling in Government quarters. The honorable Senators declare that "France does not obey the haughty commands of any country; she marches when she pleases!"

This tone of expression in an official paper is important as showing the degree of irritation which this affair has awakened, and still more important as showing in what a tight place the Emperor has placed himself; for on the one hand, his friends and the whole of the army say that he cannot withdraw from Mexico without losing his *prestige* before the world, and without inviting a revolution at the hands of the holders of the Mexican bonds; while on the other hand, if he chose to fight us, he will have his fleet sunk, and will be in equal danger of a home revolution. Moreover, Russia is waiting for an occasion to take Constantinople, and Austria to regain Lombardy, and never again would there be such an opportunity. The position, it will be seen, is a difficult one, and well calculated to produce irritation.

The Liberals, glad to see their enemy the Emperor in trouble, are nevertheless humiliated at the position in which the country is placed by his mad Mexican scheme; and as they have always told him that his scheme would end in humiliation and disgrace, they think they have the right to throw all the blame on him, and to draw upon him the censure of the country.

Until the publication of the Senate address and a series of articles in the semi-official *Constitutionnel*, it was supposed that the two Governments had come to an understanding on the basis of non-intervention; that is to say, France was to remove her troops this year, and the United States were to respect the neutrality of Mexico. The Senate address is savage in its terms and almost challenges the United States to war. The articles of the *Constitutionnel*, and, in fact, of the entire Ministerial press, are written in a tone to envenom and aggravate the discussion. Is this a mere tactic to cover up a refreat, or has the French Government been driven into a war policy? We shall probably soon know what the change means, but, for the present, I do not believe that the Emperor thinks of committing such a folly as going to war for MAXIMILIAN. Every interest of France dictates the withdrawal of the troops, and this I feel convinced he will ultimately do.

The *Constitutionnel*, among other of its arguments going to explain that M. DROUYN DE LHUYS has not backed out of any of his own positions, says that had not the American Minister at Paris introduced first the subject of a recognition of MAXIMILIAN, he would not have proposed it to Mr. SEWARD, and would have confined himself to asking for non-intervention. In other words, this paper claims that the American Minister led the Foreign Secretary into the demand for recognition. You will be able to see whether the dispatches warrant this view of the case.

The first news of the taking of Bagdad by Gen. CRAWFORD naturally made a great sensation; but the news of the disavowal of the act and the imprisonment of CRAWFORD has now arrived, and appears to produce a general feeling of relief and satisfaction. A dispatch of the Marquis DE MONTHOLON, speaking in the most positive way of the friendly intentions of the American Government, is published in this morning's *Moniteur*, and is destined to produce a good effect in the right direction. MALAKOFF.

## FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES.

### The French Press on the Capture of Bagdad.

*From the Journal des Debats, Feb. 10.*

This document [the dispatch of the Marquis DE MONTHOLON] reduces to its real value the incident in question, and confirms the statement that the Federal Government had taken all the necessary measures for the prompt chastisement of the offenders. The Minister of France at Washington seems to believe, without however committing himself to a definite accusation, that the filibusters who took Bagdad had some intelligence in the place, and what seems to render the matter certain is, that immediately after the entry of the attacking party into the place, the garrison of the town pronounced against the Imperial Government and abetted the marauders in pillaging the place. That fact, already announced by letters from Mexico, and confirmed by the dispatch of the Marquis DE MONTHOLON, proves that the regeneration of Mexico is not yet so far advanced as the *Constitutional* would make us believe, and that if there among the dissidents some sincere but little scrupulous, there are also some of the same kind to be found under the Imperialist flag, and that it was the latter who invited CRAWFORD and his men to the Mexican soil. Could the Juarists have done more? The dispatch of the Minister of France leaves no doubt of the intention of the Federal Government to preserve its neutrality; and that course is exactly what M. DROUYN DE LHUYS has urged. We have, therefore, but little more to desire, and everything seems to favor the recall of our troops.

THE MEXICAN QUESTION IN THE FRENCH LEGISLATURE.

A Paris letter in the *Independance Belge* says:

It is asserted that M. ROUHER will decline all discussions in the Legislative Body on questions relative to Mexico, as public debates might compromise the negotiations for the evacuation, which have really been commenced, and are in active progress. Very possibly this course will be facilitated for M. ROUHER by the attitude of the American Minister at Paris, who, it is said, has declared that the Federal Government will not recognize the Empire of Mexico.

M. THIERS, in the last meeting held at M. MARIE'S, requested his colleagues not to complicate, for the Imperial Government, the difficulties of the evacuation, by engaging in a hostile discussion on that subject. I am induced to believe that there is some foundation for this rumor, as among the amendments emanating from a Committee appointed at a meeting of the Opposition, there is none relating to Mexico. A report is current, indeed, that M. EMILE OLLIVIER will make a speech strongly against the French occupation; but that would not be a reason for the orators of the meeting at M. MARIE'S to join their old colleague; we are rather disposed to think that this circumstance, supposing it to be true, would make them persist in their resolution, and may even have been the cause which led them to adopt the same.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

### Suspension of the Writ of Habeas Corpus in Ireland.

In the House of Commons, on the 16th ult., Sir GEORGE GREY gave notice that on the following day (Saturday,) the House having specially agreed to meet on that day, he would ask for leave to bring in a bill to suspend, for a limited time, the *habeas corpus* act in Ireland.

Loud and general cheers followed this announcement.

In the House of Lords on the 16th, Earl RUSSELL made the same announcement, and asked the House to sit on Saturday, the 17th ult., that no time might be lost in passing the measure.

Earl DERBY said it would be for the Government to justify the course it was about to take. If the House of Commons agreed to the proposal he would not interpose a moment's delay, but he hoped that at the earliest possible moment the Government would state the grounds on which they relied for the justification of their proceedings.

In the House of Commons on Feb. 17, Sir GEORGE GREY, in asking leave to bring in a bill suspending the *Habbas Corpus* Act in Ireland, said that the Fenian conspiracy had only recently assumed its present proportions. It was necessary to strike an effective blow at the Fenian schemes, which were wholly discountenanced by the American Government. The loyalty of the British Army was beyond a doubt. The Lord Lieutenant of Ireland earnestly requested the suspension of the act, saying that he could not hold himself responsible for the safety of the country if power was withheld from him.

Mr. D'ISRAELI concurred in the remarks of Sir GEORGE GREY.

Mr. BRIGHT protested against the suspension of the act, but said he would not oppose the Government.

Leave was then given to suspend the *Habeas Corpus* Act in Ireland by a vote of 364 to 6.

The bill was then passed through all the stages and sent to the House of Lords, who likewise passed it without opposition.

The Royal assent to the bill was given on the night of the 17th.

THE PRESS ON THE SUSPENSION OF THE WRIT.

The London *Times* says that the Irish Government is of course better informed than any private persons can be as to the state of the country and the imminence of the danger. But in the increased activity of movement during the past month, and the presence of numbers of persons in various districts, with the scarcely concealed purpose of promoting insurrections, there is ample reason for the strictest precautions. The object of the Irish Government is doubtless to secure some of the emissaries of American Fenianism, who are now numerous in Ireland, and working with disastrous effect on the people. The measures of 1848 brought the revolutionary movement to a crisis, and the *Times* hopes that like proceedings now will effect a similar object.

The London *Morning Herald* (the conservative organ) says that the Government will be supported in the measure.

LARGE NUMBER OF ARRESTS IN DUBLIN.

Upward of one hundred arrests were made in Dublin on the 17th, principally strangers. Among those arrested is Col. WILLIAM EGBLE, late Chief Quartermaster of the Federal Army. Many more arrests are expected.

A man named CLARKE, who is supposed to have given information to the Police, was entrapped by five supposed Fenians into a lonely place in Dublin, where he was ruthlessly attacked and shot in the shoulder. He died of his injuries on the following day. The names of three of the men were known, and a reward of £200 had been offered for the arrest of the murderers. It was feared there would be other victims singled out.

The Dublin *Daily Express* says: "We have heard rumors relative to the probability of new light being thrown on the escape of STEPHENS and the discipline and internal management of the prison, in consequence of the extraordinary revelations contained in a diary found on one of the Fenian prisoners. We are informed that most startling facts are mentioned in this document."

THE MILITARY FORCE IN IRELAND.

The *Army & Navy Gazette* says that the troops in Ireland are being distributed more and more among the small towns, thereby giving greater feeling of security.

A FENIAN PRIVATEER.

The Liverpool *Journal*, of Feb. 17, contains an assertion that the Government has private information of a privateer being at sea on a Fenian errand. This is given as one of the probable reasons for the suspension of the *Habeas Corpus* Act.

The *Journal des Havre* mentions as a report requiring confirmation that a steamer fitted out as a privateer by the American Fenians sailed from New-York on the 20th of January under the name of the *Cuba*. She is said to be the *Fort Morgan*, formerly a Federal gunboat, which was sold by the Navy Department and bought by the Fenians. The *Journal* doubts the success of the Irish privateer, if there be one, as she would be regarded as a pirate by every naval Power, and when captured, it says, her crew should be hanged.

## Miscellaneous News.

In the House of Commons on the 15th ult., Lord CARDWELL introduced a bill for the future government of Jamaica. He briefly explained that the Government had thought fit to ratify the decision which the Legislature of Jamaica had arrived at abolishing itself, and it would be proposed to establish a government, similar to that in Trinidad, for a period of three years, and if the experiment was successful then it would be made permanent. If not, some other arrangement would be devised.

Mr. LABOUCHERE gave notice that on the 23d he would call attention to the inadequacy of the Neutrality laws to enable England to fulfil her international obligations toward foreign countries.

The Government bill on the cattle disease was debated and amended in several particulars and passed through committee.

The *Times* assumes that Mr. GLADSTONE'S budget will show an excess of income over expenditures of about three millions sterling. It thinks Mr. GLADSTONE will attempt to reduce the national debt.

It is rumored that Sir CHARLES WOOD, late Secretary for India, has been offered and accepted the Peerage.

The *Daily News* believes that the Government has acceded to the propositions of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Ireland, and that henceforth the Senate of the Queen's University in Ireland will consist of half Protestants and half Roman Catholics.

A large meeting has been held at Exeter Hall, under the auspices of the Freedmen's Aid Society, to celebrate the passage of the Constitutional Amendment Act in America, and the consequent legal abolition of Slavery. Speeches in favor of a close union between England and America were made and loudly applauded.

The London *Times* to-day gives great prominence to a letter urging a postponement of the reform question, on the ground that politicians now show indifference in the matter, and Parliament has to consider many other matters of pressing importance.

Some interesting experiments had been tried on board the *Great Eastern* with Mr. WILLOUGHBY SMITH'S new system of testing the insulation of telegraph cables. It is stated that by this system a perfectly continuous test is maintained during the laying of the cable, so that any loss of insulation or solution of continuity of the conductor is instantly detected on board the vessel even during the time that messages are being transmitted from ship to shore, or *vice versa*. In the event of injury to the cable while in the tank the discovery would be so prompt that the paying out would be stopped before it was possible that the injured portion could pass over the paying-out wheel into the sea.

## FRANCE.

In the debate on the address to the Emperor, M. DE PESIGNY contended that the English Parliamentary institutions were unsuited for France. The Emperor, he said, had given to France double liberty, founded on the solid basis of authority. It depended on public opinion to develop the liberty granted by the Constitution.

M. ROULAND said that the existing liberties of France were sufficient, while the Marquis DE BOISSY maintained a contrary opinion.

Finally, the address in response to the Emperor's speech on the 6th was unanimously adopted.

The weekly returns of the Bank of France show an increase in cash on hand of fifteen millions of francs. The bank has reduced its rate of discount to 4½ per cent.

Among the reasons assigned for the large stock of bullion in the bank of France is, that while the drain of specie was going on from England, large shipments of French manufactures were being made to the United States, all for cash, while at the same time there were no material investments being made by the French in Federal bonds or other American securities.

The Paris *Patrie* says that the new Peruvian frigate *Huascar*, lying at Brest, had enlisted French sailors, but they were subsequently disembarked at the request of the authorities.

The Paris Bourse was firmer, and the Rentes closed at 69f. 07c.

## AUSTRIA.

It was repeated that Count BELCREDI had positively determined to resign his office, and rumors were rife in Vienna of a general ministerial crisis. A special telegram from Pesth, however, asserts that the reported want of unanimity in the Ministry is utterly without foundation, and that their resignation was highly improbable.

It is asserted that Austria, in a note lately dispatched to Berlin, declared that now, as heretofore, she considered the Duke of AUGUSTENBURG to be the claimant with the best title to the sovereignty of the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein.

It is reported that the Emperor of Austria is willing to furnish the Emperor MAXIMILIAN with any troops that he may require, on condition that they shall be incorporated in the Mexican army, and their expenses paid.

## RUSSIA AND ROME.

Diplomatic relations between Russia and the Papal Court have entirely ceased.

## PRUSSIA.

The Prussian Chamber of Deputies have adopted the Navigation Treaty between England and Prussia.

An address has been forwarded to Pope Pius IX. from the Holstein nobility deploring the state of affairs existing under the present provisional arrangements, and urging a union of the Duchess of SCHLESWIG and HOLSTEIN with Prussia.

## SPAIN.

The newly-born child of the Queen of Spain died on the 14th inst.

The Cortes would remain closed for three days as a testimony of their regret.

## SYRIA.

Late advices from Syria report that 4,000 Turks attacked 500 Maronites, commanded by JOSEPH KARAM, near Tripoli, and that KARAM had repulsed them assaults, and captured four guns and several prisoners. The Turks, at last accounts, were receiving reinforcements.

## ITALY.

The following is the text of the dispatch dated 5th of February, addressed by Gen. LA MARMORA, to the Italian Minister in Madrid, in consequence of the declarations contained in the Spanish Red Book respecting the policy of Spain toward Italy: "I request you to remind Señor BERMUDEZ DE CASTRO that the September Convention, while acknowledging the principle of non-intervention, nevertheless placed certain conditions upon the application of that principle those conditions concern France exclusively. You will therefore declare that, as regards other Powers, their non-intervention in the political affairs of Rome always remain in an unqualified principle, upon which the conduct of Italy will be invariably based."

## CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

The Cape of Good Hope mails to Jan. 15 had been received in England.

The war between the Free States and the Basutos continued, but only in name.

Great distress continued to prevail among the working classes from lack of employment and among the farmers from the failure of their crops.

Commercial matters were dull, but breadstuffs had considerably advanced in consequence of the blockade of Valparaiso.

## BRAZIL.

The French-Brazilian mails arrived at Lisbon on the 15th inst., with the following dates:

RIO DE JANEIRO, Wednesday, Jan. 24.

COFFEE—7$100@7$200 for good fresta. Stock, 90,000 bags. Total shipments since the last steamer, 100,600 bags. Exchange, 25⅛@25¼.

BAHIA, Sunday, Jan. 24.

Sugar, 2$200. Exchange, 26½@27.

PERNAMBUCO, Tuesday, Jan. 30.

SUGAR—2$150 for brown. Exchange, 27⅛@27¾.

## INDIA.

The following are the latest dates from India:

CALCUTTA, Saturday, Feb. 10.

Cotton quiet; shipments for the week, 30,000 bags. Freights to Liverpool, 40s. Exchange 2s. 1⅛d.

CALCUTTA, Friday, Feb. 9.

Exchange, 2s. 1⅛d. Freights to England, 35s.

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

The funds are buoyant. Consols have improved one ⅜ cent. during the week. The discount rate remains unchanged, but a reduction in the rate by the Bank of England is expected in a few days.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 17.

COTTON.—The Brokers' circular reports the sales of Cotton for the week at 56,000 bales, including 7,5 0 to speculators and 12,500 to exporters. The market opened at an advance of ⅛d., but closed partially ⅛d. lower on the week for American. The authorized quotations are: Fair Orleans, 21d.; Middling Orleans, 19½d.; Fair Mobiles, 20¼d.; Middling Mobiles, 19d.; Fair Uplands, 20⅛d.; Middling Uplands, 19d. The sales on Friday were 10,000 bales, of which 3,000 were taken by speculators and exporters, the market closing quiet but steady. Stock in port 443,000 bales, of which 215,000 are American.

STATE OF TRADE.

The Manchester market is firm.

BREADSTUFFS—Are steady, with the exception of Corn, which is easier. RICHARDSON, SPENCE & Co. and WAKEFIELD, NEPHEW & Co. report: Flour firm, but inactive. Wheat quiet and firm; Winter Red, 10s.@10s. 6d. Corn flat, and Tuesday's advance lost; Mixed, 28s. 9d. @29s.

PROVISIONS—Firm, except Bacon, which is easier, and Lard, a declining tendency. BIGLAND, ATHYA & CO. and GORDON, BRUCE & Co. report: Beef active, and 2s. 6d.@5s. better. Pork firm. Bacon easier and declined 1s. Lard dull and 1s. lower for American. Butter dull. Tallow active and 1s. higher.

PRODUCE.—The Brokers' Circular reports Ashes declining: Pots, 33s. 8d.; Pearls, 34s. 5d. Sugar heavy. Coffee quiet and steady. Rice firm. Linseed active, and still advancing. Linseed Cakes dull and unchanged. Linseed Oil still advancing; sales at 42s. Sperm Oil quiet, at £95. Resin very dull, at 11s. 6d. Spirits Turpentine dull. Petroleum steady, at 2s. 3d.@2s. 4d. for Refined, and 1s. 6d. for Spirits.

LONDON MARKETS.

BARING'S Circular reports: FLOUR scarce. CORN steady. IRON quiet at £6 12s.@£7. for Welsh rails and bars, and 7l8. 3d. for Scotch Pig. SUGAR heavy and 6d. lower. COFFEE firm. TEA steady. RICE inactive. LINSEED CAKES active. SPIRITS TURPENTINE quiet and unchanged. ROSIN very dull. PETROLEUM still declining; Refined, 2s. 5d.@2s. 4d. SPERM OIL still advancing.

LONDON MONEY MARKET.

Consols were quoted on Friday, the 16th, at 87½@87¾ for money.

U. S. Five-Twenties, 68¼@68¾.

Erie shares, 53@53½.

Illinois Central shares, 76½.

The Bullion in the Bank of England had increased £230,000.

Latest via Queenstown.

LIVERPOOL, Saturday, Feb. 17—P. M.

COTTON—Sales to-day 10,000 bales, including 2,000 to speculators and exporters. Market firmer but unchanged; Middling Upland 19d.@19¼d.

BREADSTUFFS quiet and steady.

PROVISIONS steady, except Bacon and Lard, which are easier.

LONDON, Saturday, Feb. 19—P. M.

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U. S. 5-20s 68@68⅛.

Illinois Central Shares 76@76½.

Erie Shares 53¼@53¾.

## MEXICAN NEWS.

### Rich Booty taken by the Liberals—Mendez Defeated at Tampico—Supposed to be Killed—Sinaloa in the hands of the Republicans—Successes of the Imperialists—Ditto of the Republicans—State of Orizava, &c., &c.—Spread of the Cholera in the French West Indies—Regulations Against the Introduction of Cattle.

From Our Own Correspondent.

HAVANA, Saturday, Feb. 24, 1866.

The inhabitants of Tampico, in Mexico, who were lately congratulating themselves on having been relieved by their French defenders from the inland blockade to which their town was subjected by the Republicans, have had their short-lived joy suddenly turned into mourning. Confiding in the prowess of the counter-guerrilla corps, on the Imperial side, under the command of Capt. JAQUIN, the merchants of Tampico intrusted to their guard merchandise to the value of upwards of half a million of dollars. The Mexican papers do not give full particulars, but it appears that on the 23d ult., MENDEZ, at the head of six hundred men, made an attack on Tantozuquita, where the goods were deposited, guarded by about eighty men, awaiting the arrival of JAQUIN'S counter-guerrillas, who were to escort the conductors of the goods as far as Tula. The result was that MENDEZ captured the whole, taking away with him $400,000 worth, and committing the rest to the flames. He also carried off over a thousand mules which had been brought by their drivers to Tancanesqui, and which were intended to carry the goods into the interior, as soon as JAQUIN'S counter-guerrilla corps should arrive. Between this last-named place (Tancanesqui) and Tula, a distance of about one hundred and twenty miles, the Imperialists have stationed at various points a force of upwards of 1,400 men, and yet the Tampico papers complain that there is a total want of security both for individuals and property, crimes of every description are committed, and the farms in the district have been reduced to ashes. A traveler, says the *Iris*, the Imperial official paper of Tampico, counted in the extent of ninety miles, on the road to Santa Barbara, fourteen bodies hung on the trees, a monster named PEDRO BLANCO having had the cruelty to hang a whole family, consisting of the father, mother, and a child four years old, and yet, continues the above-named journal, the actors of these atrocities go about unpunished, without its being possible to drive them out of the places where they resort.

Later news state that MENDEZ, at the head of two thousand men, who blocked up all the roads to Tampico, had been defeated by the French garrison at that place, who marched out and attacked him—MENDEZ himself, it is said, having been killed in the engagement. The loss of killed and wounded on the Liberal side is put down at more than 850 men, the loss of the French being about 100, of whom sixty formed a vanguard that were surprised in an ambuscade before the fight, and all cut to pieces.

On the other hand, in the State of Michoacan another Gen. MENDEZ, but an Imperialist, and not a Republican, obtained a brilliant victory, as the Imperialists boast, over the famous Republican commander, REGULES, killing a large number and taking between 600 and 700 prisoners, beside all the enemy's artillery, ammunition and arms, the remainder of their troops being put to flight. REGULES and several of his superior officers, it is said, took to flight, with small escorts, in different directions, and it was thought impossible that they could organize afresh; but this last supposition is not in accordance with true facts, it being evident that the Mexicans if beaten to-day are again to-morrow in the field, as fresh as ever.

The Imperial accounts likewise boast of successes in other parts of the Empire, which, as they are one-sided, may be true or not. For example, we are told that in the Department of New-Leon, at a place called Pesqueria Grande, Col. QUIROGA defeated the guerrilla force of ANTONIO GARCIA, consisting of upward of 260 men, who lost, including killed and wounded, over forty, three of their leaders being among the former, beside leaving eighty-seven horses with their furniture in the hands of the victor. Col. LOPEZ, at the head of two squadrons of the regiment of the Empress was attacked while on his way to Saltillo, by PEDRO MARTINEZ' band, who paid dearly for their daring. In Sonora 648 Republicans were defeated at Nacori, leaving on the ground 120 killed, among them a superior officer and several soldiers, 150 muskets in good condition, five boxes of ammunition, fifty horses, one cannon, and about fifteen prisoners. At Tacambaro, in Michoacan, CANTO, at the head of 400 followers, came badly off, losing a large number of horses and mules, beside having several of his men killed and thirty-four taken prisoners, among whom there were four officers.

There are, however, counterpoises, and ones of magnitude, to these last-named insignificant successes. The papers of the capital confess that the whole of Sinaloa, with the exception of Mazatlan, is in the power of the enemy. The town of Alamos, after a six hours' hard fight, was taken by the Republicans, and partly destroyed during the combat. The news had excited much consternation at Guaymas. It is complained that the Republicans in that part get arms, ammunition and clothing from the frontiers of Arizona. Alamos was attacked by TOLEDO, MARTINEZ and CORREA. The Imperialists, commanded by ALMADA, defended themselves bravely for six or seven hours. They were, however, conquered, and the place fell into the hands of the enemy, being given up to plunder. The commerce of Sinaloa is said to be ruined.

CORONA, who has been joined by PATONI at the head of 600 men, has about 2,000, and remains in the neighborhood of Mazatlan, attacking the detachments that leave the city. The Franco-Imperial paper, the *Estafette*, says that a band of 100 North Americans, attached to CORONA'S forces, wander about and commit robberies on their own account.

The latest news from the capital states that ESCOBEDO was at Cadereyta, in the vicinity of Saltillo, with his artillery. It was reported at the last-named place that ORTEGA and NEGRETE were at Piedros Grandes, with 800 followers, blacks and whites, attempting to fight ESCOBEDO as a revolter.

On the 26th ult., 200 of the Imperial Foreign Legion left Saltillo for Encarnacion, to join LOPEZ'S squadrons, which were anxiously expected.

The Republican forces under MARTINEZ and CORRO were on the estate of Bonanza, the property of Don JACOBO SANCHEZ NAVARRO, where they demanded $2,500 in money, and had enlisted the laborers (Peons) as soldiers. The overseer succeeded in escaping to San Louis.

Col. TENAJERO'S division was still at Monterey.

The inhabitants of Orizava and the Austrian garrison stationed there, are said to be on such bad terms that a conflict is expected to take place between them, unless the authorities take proper measures to prevent it.

The Prussian Ambassador, Baron DE MAGNUS, and Secretary, arrived at the capital at the beginning of this month.

The Emperor MAXIMILIAN, we are informed, is laboring hard to develop the resources of the Empire, and confides in the eventual triumph of his cause as well as in reëstablishing order and peace. He has granted permission to Don FRANCISCO A. MALTEPEN, to finish in the interior of the Empire several lines of telegraph, and has given leave to another, Don GEORGE L. RAMMEKEN, to make a navigable canal from Chalco to the Gerita of San Lezaro in Mexico City; also, to Messrs. KIMBALL, KEITH & Co., to make a city railroad in Puebla. The Emperor has arranged everything for the establishment of the Tribunal of Accounts, which begins its important duties on the 1st of this month. He has also taken several steps toward the development of public instruction, and done many other useful and charitable offices.

The improvement of the streets of the capital, which were very much injured by the late inundations, has also been the object of his attention. Some progress in this direction has been already made, and very great advantages are expected to be derived from the works that have been undertaken. At last accounts he had come from Cuernavaca to the capital for the dispatch of important business.

## THE WEST INDIES.

### Cholera at Guadeloupe—From Hayti.

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According to accounts received at Santiago de Cuba from the French West Indies, the cholera still continued at Guadeloupe, committing great ravages, the number of deaths up to Dec. 31 was as follows: Pointe-a-Pitre, 1,200; Basse-Terre, 2,000. In thirteen communes of Guadeloupe the number of deaths was 6,500. In Grand-Terre, in twelve communes, included Marie Galante, 12,200.

The last accounts to the 17th say that the cholera was markedly diminishing in Guadeloupe, but had made its appearance in Dominica.

The Committee of Commerce and Agriculture of Martinique had ordered that vessels arriving with cattle from Porto Rico should be subjected to quarantine on account of its being known that some cases of pleuropneumonia had appeared in that island among the cattle.

At St. Thomas there were two United States war steamers, and five others were expected.

From Hayti we are told that President GEFFRARD was about to leave Port-au-Prince on an excursion round the island, touching at all the ports. The President was much pleased with his new war steamer, which had a crew of 170 men, and carried 13 guns of heavy calibre. Hayti was completely tranquil.

Flour had risen in price in Porto Rico on the arrival of the news that the cholera had appeared at Santander, it being sold at $13 (gold) the barrel; it was believed the price would rise higher. Vessels were leaving and entering for St. Domingo, which the Spaniards regard as a proof that there no longer existed any ill-will toward them in St. Domingo.

There has been another fire at Matanzas, part of a dwelling-house and a stable having been destroyed; in the latter a valuable carriage-horse, that could not be got out, was burned to death. The insurance was with an English company—the North British Mercantile Insurance. LARA.

# LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

## CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

### Our Piers and Wharves—Protest Against Legislative Encroachments—The Paris Exposition.

The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber was held at 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Alexander Delmar, Howard L. Parmelee, D. S. Moore, Francis R. Goodrich, N. W. Stuyvesant Catlin, Joseph A. Drefous and Alexander Forman were elected members of the Chamber.

Mr. JOHN D. JONES, from the Special Committee appointed to consider the subject of general average, reported as the opinion of the Committee that uniform regulations in regard to the matter could only be enforced and made effectual by legislation by the Congress of the United States and the Parliament of Great Britain.

The report was ordered to be printed in pamphlet-form.

Mr. G. W. BLUNT presented, as unfinished business, the report of the Committee appointed, at the request of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, to confer with that body in regard to a plan for constructing docks, piers and wharves for this City. A large portion of this report referring to the ownership of the wharves and piers was stricken out on motion of Mr. ORDYKE, at a special meeting held to hear the report, and Mr. BLUNT now asked to have the part struck out reinserted.

Mr. ORDYKE contended that the idea that the City had no control over its own property, was ridiculous and should receive no indorsement from the Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. S. B. RUGGLES said that the matter was too grave to be hastily disposed of. The title of a vast amount of property was involved in the matter, and it would never do for the Chamber to favor any act by which private property could be taken away, simply because it might be deemed of value for public use.

Mr. F. A. CONKLING opposed the motion to reinsert, and said the legal authorities, on which the statement in the report in regard to the control of the wharves and piers had been made, were inaccurately quoted.

The motion to reinsert was lost, all the members but one voting in the negative.

The report as amended was adopted.

Mr. RUGGLES presented a resolution to the effect that the Chamber of Commerce could not sanction any act of the Legislature which is intended to permit any company to take away private property without the consent of its owners.

After some remarks by Mr. WETMORE and others the resolution was adopted.

Mr. RUGGLES reported that the Committee on the Paris Exposition had carried out the instructions of the Chamber and sent copies of the action of the Chamber on the subject to all the Boards of Trade in the country.

The Chamber then adjourned.

## BOARD OF COUNCILMEN.

### The Tax Levy—A Steam Heating Apparatus for the City Hall.

This Board met at 2 P. M., yesterday, Mr. KETCH in the Chair.

The Committee on Repairs and Supplies reported in favor of appropriating $50,000 for a steam heating apparatus to be placed in the City Hall, said amount to be inserted in the tax levy.

The report was laid over.

A resolution was adopted giving the Mayor discretionary power to issue permits for the exhibition of signs, the cost of such permits to be not less than $1 and not more than $10.

The report of the Finance Committee on the tax levy was then taken up, and, after a number of amendments had been made, was adopted.

Mr. FULLMAN said the President had declared the report adopted when only 16 votes in its favor had been given, and he should therefore hand in a written protest against such a decision, as in his opinion it required 18 votes.

The resolution calling on the Comptroller for a copy of the street cleaning contract was concurred in, and the Board then adjourned.

### The Health Bill and the City Inspector's Department.

The City Inspector not having as yet received any formal notice that his department is abolished, still retains his position, and the business of the office is conducted as heretofore. It is quite likely, however, that the new Health Commissioners will organize to-day, and will very soon after make a demand on the City Inspector for the books and papers of the department. Whether he will resist the demand or not appears to be doubtful. It is thought by some that the Health Bill has not been prepared with sufficient care, and that certain powers conferred on the City Inspector's Department by the Legislature have not been abrogated by the new Health Bill; that consequently the City Inspector might continue to hold office and perform certain duties appertaining thereto in spite of the new bill.

With this end in view the following resolutions were adopted at the last meeting of the Board of Aldermen:

*Whereas*, By a recent act of the Legislature of this State, an Executive Department under this City Government, known as the City Inspector's, has been abolished; and whereas, said act provides for a Commission to take charge and control of all matters pertaining to the sanitary condition of said City, and it is believed that said City Inspector's Department had cognizance over City executive business not provided for in the said act of the Legislature; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That a Special Committee of three be appointed by the President of this Board, whose duty it shall be to examine into the provisions of the said act, the executive business performed by the present City Inspector's Department under existing ordinances, and report the result thereof, with their recommendations, to this Board, with the view that proper action may be taken thereon.

The following is the section of the bill referring to the City Inspector's Department:

SECTION 26. The Department known as the "City Inspector's Department," and every bureau thereof, and so much of the twenty-seventh section of the four hundred and forty-sixth chapter of the laws of 1857 as relates thereto, and each and every office in the said district relating to public health, or the duties of which are conferred on said Board, except the Health Officer of the Port of New-York and the Board of Quarantine Commissioners and its officers, are hereby abolished; and no salary or compensation shall be due or paid to any officer or board whatever, to any officer or agent or board in said District for services to be rendered after this act goes into effect, under any law or ordinance concerning life or public health, except under this act and as authorized by the board hereby created. And all other boards and offices now existing in said District under or by virtue of any law or ordinance relating to public health, are hereby also abolished; and no compensation shall be paid to or in respect of the same for any service rendered after this law shall go into effect, save as said Board of Health shall authorize.

### Day of Prayer for Colleges.

The New-York University observed the day by exercises in the larger chapel. Rev. T. DE WITT TALMAGE, of Philadelphia, preached the sermon, taking his text from Psalms 119: 9. "Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word."

The preacher said that he stood as in a dream. In places perfectly familiar he found himself among strangers. Passing through the adjoining halls this morning it seemed as if the old echoes of greeting and laughter which only a few years ago he heard, came back to his ear, but those who uttered them were gone. Some of them in high places of authority are making our laws. Some of them in sick rooms, are contesting the march of disease; some in pulpits, are telling the sweetest story that ever was told; some of them in the triumph of their dying hour moved into the light. Here and there one mistook the right path, filled high the cup of sin, wiped the froth from his blistered lip, and found out when it was too late, that iniquity, though roseate and auroral at the start, "at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder."

The preacher said he had no sympathy with those who would prepare young men for life by whittling down their expectations, or deploring their exuberance of soul. In accordance with the teaching of the text he urged young men to make the most of God their guide. He spoke at large of the parental anxiety now being expressed about sons in college, and besought his hearers not to disappoint the expectation of the Church.

UNIVERSITY-PLACE CHURCH.

Service was held in this church at 3:30 P. M. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Drs. PAXTON and MURRAY, and in the evening Rev. Dr. KREBS spoke on "The Relation of the Church to the Higher Education, and her Provision of a Standing Ministry."

## POLICE TRIALS.

### The Tombs—Before Justice Dowling.

BURGLARS IN A DANCE-HOUSE.

During Wednesday night a burglarious entry was effected on the premises No. 17 Laurens-street, occupied by GEO. WILLIAMS (colored) as a dancing hall. The burglars broke off a lock on the front door, and carried off a carving knife, a box of cigars, and a small quantity of liquors, escaping without detection. Officer BUDDINGTON, of the Fifth Precinct, yesterday arrested a colored man named HENRY WILSON on a charge of having committed the crime, and on searching him the missing knife was found in his possession. The prisoner was remanded for trial in default of $1,000 bail.

### Jefferson Market—Before Justice Ledwith.

LOOKING FOR LODGINGS.

On the 26th ult., EDWIN BLACK inquired at No. 62 Charlton-st. for furnished rooms, and was shown a room by FRANCIS CRAMER, the lessee of the premises. After looking at the apartments, BLACK expressed a desire to write a note to a doctor for whom he was desirous of engaging the lodgings. Mr. CRAMER asked the visitor to seat himself at a table where a diamond pin, valued at $75, the property of the occupant of the room, Mr. JOHN M. DALEY, was lying. While BLACK wrote the note, CRAMER left the room, and soon after allowed the applicant to depart. On his return to Mr. DALEY'S room the pin was missing. Yesterday, Officer JAY, of the Twenty-eighth Precinct, arrested the accused, and he was committed for trial in default of $1,500 bail. BLACK is 22, and a native of New-York.

### Yorkville Court—Before Justice Kelly.

ARREST OF BURGLARS.

During Tuesday night the liquor-store of GEORGE GILBOY, No. 682 Second-avenue, was entered by burglars, who, after gaining an entrance, packed up a quantity of tobacco and cigars valued at $100, with the intention of carrying it away. Officer DETRICH, of the Twenty-first Precinct, while patrolling his beat, had his suspicions awakened by seeing a light in the store. Approaching the door he found it locked, and on hearing some one moving about inside he burst the door in, passed through the premises and found three men climbing the yard-fence. Drawing his pistol, the officer demanded their surrender, when one complied. The prisoner proved